

## LOCAL WEATHER

Fair and continued cold to night. Saturday generally fair with rising temperature. Today's temperatures: 6 a. m., 8; 8 a. m., 4; 1 p. m., 1.

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# GERMAN EMBASSY HINTS GERMANY IS WILLING TO TALK PEACE GUARANTY

## DISCUSSION OF PARTIAL UNARMING ALSO HINTED AT

Developments Taken by Many as Basis for Hopes Peace May Yet Be Established

### DISCUSS U. S. SUPPLEMENT

President and Lansing Ponder Over Question of Sending Suggestions to Allied Governments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Turkish peace proposals to the allies, the last to be received, reached the state department late Friday afternoon. The department said there are slight discrepancies apparent in the Austrian and Turkish texts, as compared with the text sent by Charge Grew at Berlin. These will have to be rectified before they are sent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—While reports poured into Washington Friday from allied capitals indicating a general sentiment on the part of entente nations to reject finally the German peace proposals, what was taken by many as grounds for hopes peace may be established was official hints from German embassy pointing to a willingness on the part of Germany to talk at least of partial disarmament and likewise a willingness for introduction of a world guaranty of peace.

For nearly two hours Friday Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing considered the question of supplementing the forwarding of the German peace proposals to allied capitals with some suggestions from this government.

At the conclusion of the conference neither the president nor Secretary Lansing would throw light upon what, if any, decision was reached.

"I have nothing to say now. There is no announcement to be made at present. There is no conclusion to discuss," summed up Lansing's reply to inquiries of newspapermen.

It was indicated after the conference that the state department has little on which to work in the way of expressions of public sentiment in this country, except as voiced in the newspapers.

In the past the department has been flooded with telegrams giving individual views of what ought to be done, but in this instance none has come.

The subject of peace, and the part America can play, if any, was expected to be threshed out in Friday afternoon's cabinet session.

Confidential information from Secretary Grew of the American Berlin embassy, dispatched with Germany's proposals, was scheduled for presentation to the members along with consideration of past official reports and recent unofficial versions of foreign attitude toward peace.

The state department was reliably understood to be collecting all its past information bearing on the subject of peace. This, taken with new messages, indicated a sentiment on the allies' part against yielding on the struggle to diplomacy at this moment.

Meantime German official hints here pointed to a willingness to talk at least a partial disarmament and likewise a willingness for introduction of a world guaranty of peace.

The administration now feels that there may be instructive discussion of the peace proposals among the allies, but has had no reason to believe that the present proposals themselves will at once point the way to peace. Petrograd's semi-official statement that Germany is de-luding her own people and trying to cast the responsibility for continuance of the war elsewhere is regarded as a general allied viewpoint.

**SUFFOCATED IN FIRE**  
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 15.—William Black of Fairfax was suffocated to death and several other lodgers were partly overcome by smoke in a fire at midnight, Wednesday in the Stark hotel.

# GUARD PERSUADED THAT ALL SHOULD LEARN TO FIGHT

Universal Service and Increased Loyalty to National Guard Lessons of Trip—Fowler

## ANGERED AT CRITICISM

Stories of Inefficiency Are Traceable to Shortcomings of Regulars Says Captain

A conviction that universal military training is the logical solution of the defense problem of the nation, and an increased loyalty to the national guard is the lesson that La Crosse soldiers have learned from their four-months experience on the border, according to Captain Frank H. Fowler, commander of Company M, Third Wisconsin. Beaming with smiles over the safe return of his command, Captain Fowler was caught by an interviewer in the armory Thursday night, just after he had finished saying to his men:

"I want to thank you, men, for the service you have rendered to your country. I want to tell you that I am proud of every man, and of the way you behaved. You have been a credit to your regiment, your state and your city. Again, I want to thank you: Company, dismiss!"

All in Reserve  
"All of the Third regiment is in the federal reserve," Captain Fowler said in response to a query. "We are ready to go again tomorrow, if we are needed. The Illinois regiments concerning which so much fuss was raised went off half-cocked, and there was a lot of newspaper talk."

"It makes us mad to hear all this talk about the guard being on its last legs as a result of this experience on the border. As a matter of fact, when you examine the inefficiency stories, you find that most of it is traceable back to the regular army. Red tape and precedent have strangled efficiency in the regular army. A business house wouldn't stand for a day the way things are run by the regulars."

**Return Banged**  
"Take this return of ours from Fort Sheridan, for example. The Northwestern line runs right past the reservation. It could have put us in cars right there and brought us straight home without a change. But what did the army authorities do?"

"They got bids on the trip. A street-car line was lowest, and it got the contract. So they loaded us into cars that weren't heated, took us to Milwaukee in two hours, and then transferred us across town to the railroad which brought us home. One of the men froze his feet on the trip from the fort to Milwaukee. The companies from Eau Claire and Menomonie had to go around through Minnesota and didn't get home until midnight, after riding all day. Our state quartermaster's department had the routing all arranged in good shape, but the regular army authorities paid no attention."

"When the regulars get a little efficiency, the defense of this country will be all right. This attack on the guard is disgusting. When it comes to business, the guard has it all over the regulars."

**Defense Duty of All**  
"But this we believe. The guard ought not to be required to do the (Continued on Page 15, Col. 1.)

# Rev. Longbrake Swears To This

This story wouldn't be complete did it not relate that Captain George R. Longbrake now weighs 173 pounds, a net gain of twenty-eight pounds, due to having fit and bled for his country, but the real lesson of his reverend experience is that the things of the open road and the long hike that prepares men for blood and iron are also calculated to make man in the rough out of the most polished pastor.

"To be a member of the Third Wisconsin was greater than a king," said Rev. Longbrake. With Mrs. Longbrake the captain was lunching at the Elks' club with John P. Salzer and a group of friends. To illustrate, there is this story, and the telling of it makes mere man out of our gospel messenger:

"One heard it every night where men passed the guards," said Captain Longbrake.

Who goes there?  
Third Illinois privates.  
Pass, Third Illinois.

Who goes there?  
First Missouri privates.  
Pass, First Missouri.

Who goes there?  
None of your damn business.  
Pass, Third Wisconsin.

One hundred and seventy-five thousand letters and cards is the well-considered estimate of Captain Longbrake of the use to which the famous letter box of the La Crosse companies was put. For a time the stationery was supplied by La Crosse people, but later Captain Longbrake secured it through the state, upon the request of General Orlando Holway.

The baseballs sent from La Crosse were also in great demand. Baseball and letter writing were popular occupations in the Third regiment streets, and no doubt had much to do with the excellent condition and deportment of the men.

# Villa Believed Planning Second Chihuahua Drive

BY WEBB MILLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 15.—That Villa is planning another attack upon Chihuahua City and that the bandit chief is already making preparations for this attack was the declared belief of United States officials here on Friday following reports made by department agents. One official stated he expected Villa to again attack the northern capital "within three weeks." However, the movement of heavy bodies of Villistas southward led to the belief in some quarters that Villa's next move would be against Torreon.

# WILSON AGAIN CHOOSES WOLFE U. S. ATTORNEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of William F. Wolfe, La Crosse, to be United States attorney for the district of Wisconsin.

The above dispatch refers to the permanent appointment to the post of federal district attorney. Mr. Wolfe is now holding the office, having been chosen by the president in a "recess appointment," to succeed the late John A. Aylward.

# SOLDIERS THINK REGALL TO LINE IS SURE TO COME

All Consider That Trip Home Is Only Vacation and That Call Will Come Again

## LOOK FOR REAL FIGHT

Probably Over the Line Into Mexico Next Time Is Conclusion of the Troops

Officers and men of the La Crosse companies who returned from the border Thursday night believe that they are only home on a vacation. Practically every one thinks that the regiment will be called back to the border in the not distant future. The men have been told so by the officers, and the officers say they have it on good authority.

"It is the universal opinion among well informed men that we will be called back again," Captain Frank H. Fowler of Company M admitted. "Every regular army or militia officer believes firmly that the guard will all be brought back."

Captain Fowler said the prophets have not predicted any specific time for the return, but that they think conditions in Mexico, sooner or later, will bring all the guard back into the line again.

**May Cross Line**  
Captain Hermann Kupp of Company B is of the same opinion. This return of the soldiers, he said to a reporter, is little more than an indefinite vacation. How long it will last is not known, but the regiment is fully expecting to be sent to the line again, and perhaps across the line into Mexico.

The conviction of the troops is a conclusion based on present conditions in Mexico. The soldiers consider that the latest Mexican developments, the renewed activity of Carranza to restore order make the situation as bad as ever, if not worse. Conferences with Carranza, and all attempts to restore order in Mexico short of intervention, the soldiers declare, will be futile.

If the troops are recalled, it was pointed out on Friday, the same men who have just returned will go again. Those whose enlistments expire will be liable to service, also, for under the new militia regulations they are members of the reserve for three years after their active service ends, and subject to call to the colors in case of war.

**Companies Low in Strength**  
In expectation that the call will come again, the companies are preparing for an active recruiting campaign. The army medical examinations reduced the personnel of the organizations to a point far below war strength, and an effort will be made to fill up the ranks. The La Crosse companies now have less than seventy men each.

# DOLLAR DROP IS MADE BY FLOUR

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Flour prices dropped fifty cents here Friday, making the total decline for the week \$1. Millers now are quoting at \$8 per barrel.

# TROOPS DETRAIN IN CROWD OF THOUSANDS DESPITE BITTER COLD

## Horns Froze Up Troops Marched Without Music

"Four below." That was the explanation given on Friday by the musicians of the Municipal and North Side bands, who turned out last night to welcome the soldiers, for the fact that the troops marched to the armories without music.

The bands stood on the platform and tooted bravely when the train came in. That was all the tooting they could do. The rest of the music stuck in the throats of the horns, for the instruments froze up.

The North Side band started out to lead the procession, but the music died out before the musicians had gone half a block. It was too cold.

# CHAPLAIN FIGHT ONLY BATTLE OF THIRD'S JOURNEY

The Lamentable Tale of the Parson's Black Eye and the Row with the Murderer

Casualties:  
One black eye suffered in line of duty.

Victim:  
"The Fighting Parson."

It is a sad if glorious fact that Capt. George R. Longbrake, chaplain of the Third Wis. Inf., did all the fighting for the regiment, nor did the engagement in which the worthy divine was somewhat worsted lack spirit on the part of the reverend officer.

It was at Ft. Sheridan. Civilians employed by the militia were dumping garbage on fallow ground owned by a farmer adjoining the military reservation, under contract with the farmer. This farmer, an ox of a man, while drunk and in an ugly mood, drove off the teamsters and started to put their mules in his own barn.

**Right Wing Attacks**

Capt. Longbrake, who was passing, intervened, trying moral suasion with apparent success. But in the midst of what seemed his intellectual triumph over the demon man as personified in the huge farmer, the latter launched a sudden drive with his right wing through the pastor's center, flooring him.

Captain Longbrake arose in some confusion, retreating for position as he sought to remove his coat, but when a second swing of the huge fist sent him again to earth, the reverend gentleman made it a pitched battle and placed several stiff punches in the wind of his adversary, whereupon the latter belted lustily. In the full that followed the captain, realizing that in weight and fighting experience he was an inferior force, conducted a retreat that might have done honor to Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevitch.

**He Was Murderer**

When, next day, investigation proved that the farmer had a murderous record, and when three separate and distinctly discrete marshals declined to arrest the man for fear of violence, and particularly when it was disclosed that this terrible farmer had once routed a group of regular army privates with a pitchfork, and had quit the chase only when an army rifle had been broken over his bull of a head, Rev. Longbrake felt himself lucky and perhaps a bit heroic.

And this it is that Capt. Longbrake has definitely won the title with which the antlered herd of which he was chaplain long before the war had fondly dubbed him "The Fighting Parson."

# MRS. SCHWARTZ GOES TO REWARD

Mrs. Emma Schwartz, 50 years of age, a native of Minnesota, died at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at a local hospital after an illness of three days. A severe attack of pneumonia was the cause of death.

Mrs. Schwartz has been a resident of La Crosse for many years. She is survived by two daughters. They are Mrs. Emil M. Boma, La Crosse, and Mrs. H. T. Chaney of Denver, Colo. One sister, a resident of Huron, S. D., and four brothers also survive.

Funeral services will be held Monday at the home of Mrs. Schwartz's daughter, Mrs. Boma, 1222 South Seventh street at 2 o'clock. Services will be held at 2:30 from Our Savior's Norwegian Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Division streets. Rev. H. G. Magelssen will officiate. Interment will be made at the Oak Grove cemetery.

# LOCAL SOLDIERS BACK IN HOMES LEFT LAST JUNE

Half Hour After Train Is In the Armories Are Deserted and Men Are Off with Their Families

## COLD STOPS FORMALITY

Troops Unload and March to Armories Through the Streets Crowded with Cheering Throngs

The boys are back.

Through streets ablaze with red fire, and lined with cheering thousands, the 270 La Crosse militiamen of the Third Wisconsin Thursday night marched back to the armories they left last June for the Mexican border. Half an hour after they leaped off the special coaches which brought them back from Fort Sheridan at 7:45 they were back in the homes they had not seen for more than four months. Husky and bronzed by the sun of the Rio Grande country, they came back fit and hearty. Not a man was sick, and of the entire La Crosse contingent there was but one man who did not march with the rest from the railroad station to the armories. He froze his feet on the last lap of the home stretch in a heatless electric car which bore the soldiers from Fort Sheridan to Milwaukee.

**Big Crowd Welcomes Troops**

It was early on a cloudy, drizzly June morning when the boys went away, but thousands ignored the rain to cheer them as they went. It was late on a bitter winter's evening when they returned, but the same loyal thousands ignored the cold to shout their welcome home. If the returning soldiers felt the contrast between the hot sands of Texas and the crisp snow of Wisconsin they did not show it. Their sturdy line, as it tramped through the downtown streets to the armories, was one vast smile. Buglers in the ranks tooted merrily as the boys strode along, and hats were waved and lusty greetings shouted as familiar faces were sighted in the crowds that lined the curbing along the line of march.

**Frost Frustrates Formality**

There wasn't any formality about the welcome. Jack Frost nipped that in the bud. Mayor Bentley with Chairman Burt Smith and the council welcome committee were down at the train, but their welcome was no more ordered and dignified than the hysteria of cheering and hand-waving that every one of the thousands of ordinary citizens took part in. The bands played bravely, but their music was almost lost in the great shout that went up as the train pulled into the station and the crowd caught sight of the khaki-clad figures on the steps and at the doors and windows of the coaches. The soldiers in the first coaches weren't the La Crosse boys, but that didn't matter to the waiting thousands. Menomonia and Eau Claire companies, with a few hours' riding ahead of them before they were to be home, got an earnest of what was waiting in their own home towns with a sweeping cheer that rocked the train shed.

In the meantime, the La Crosse boys were detrain further down the platform. They tumbled off anyhow, eager as school boys but still orderly and obedient to their commanders. Company B was in the first coach, M company next and the sanitary detachment still further down the line. They lined up, shouldered arms, and turned off down the platform, with the police fighting a way for them to Vine street, where a little knot of shivering but faithful Grand Army men were waiting to head the procession. The bands swung into line, the small boys pranced and cheered, the women wept and waved, and the whole body started up the street.

**"Eyes Front"**

Nobody fell out. Here and there a wife, a mother or a sweetheart ran out from the curb and swung onto a khaki sleeve, but for the most part it was "eyes front" and a steady orderly tramp, with rifles at an even angle and heavy boots thumping the snow in perfect step.

The press was tremendous. Traffic in the loop district was halted for fifteen minutes, and the cheer which went up as the men passed was continuous for the six blocks of the march to Company M's armory on the Market square. The men carried only their blanket rolls and rifles. Former Lieutenant W. W. Ruplin was in waiting with a detachment of former militiamen, setting the soldiers free of all but their packs and arms.

**Comrades Cheer at Parting**

Company B was first in the line. The men did a little cheering themselves as they left the station, and (Continued on page six, column four.)

**7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.**

**Put Red Cross Seals on all Christmas Mail.**

For Shopping Suggestions Read LA CROSSE TRIBUNE



B Company in the last minute of service with the colors. Just as the photographer set off his flash, Captain Rupp gave the word of release, and the next instant the soldiers were in the arms of their families and friends. In ten minutes the army was practically deserted. So quickly did the men disappear from the armories that when the photographer got to M company's quarters, there weren't any guardsmen there to be photographed. They were home with their friends half an hour after the train pulled in.



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Goblets in the Blue Bird design at each ..\$1.00

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## The TRIBUNE'S

Daily

## Short Story

## AMICABLY SETTLED

BY H. A. SLATTENGREN

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Hank Ruffy strode out of his shack into the hot Montana sun-shine. He lived alone with his son Audrey. Glancing over the sun-baked plains, he noticed something in the distance which caused him to hesitate and look more carefully. After a moment, he went back into the house and came out with a field glass. Leveling this at the thing that

had interested him, he saw something that made him swear, as he lowered the glass.

"Audrey," he shouted. "Hello," came a voice from the shade of the shack.

"McLaughlin's cattle have broken into the oats again. I'm going over to give him a piece of my mind. You might look over the binder."

"All right, I'll keep busy." In a few minutes Ruffy was astride his pony, raising clouds of white alkali dust, galloping in the direction of McLaughlin's ranch.

McLaughlin was busy mending a saddle when Ruffy rode up to him and shouted a somewhat angry, "Hello, there."

"How are you, Hank? Glad to see you."

"Say, your cattle have broken into my oat field again."

"By heck! Is that so?" said McLaughlin in surprise as he arose. "Yes, that's so, and you'd better get them out of there."

"Sure, Hank, as soon as possible."

Hope you aren't angry."

"No, but it's a mighty unprofitable way of raising grain."

"Yes, it is, but it won't happen again. Have a cigar."

Ruffy accepted this and rode away. Soon several of McLaughlin's men were driving out the cattle and repairing the fence.

On the following afternoon McLaughlin noticed that some cattle were in his wheat field. Hastily procuring his field glass, he saw that the cattle belonged to Ruffy.

"Aha, tit for tat," he thought as he saddled his pony, mounted and rode away toward Ruffy's ranch.

When he reached Ruffy's place he found the latter lounging in his chair, smoking and reading a paper.

"Hello, McLaughlin. What's the trouble?"

"Hello, Hank. Nothing much, except that your cattle are sampling my wheat."

"The deuce they are. Darned critters anyway. Say, Audrey! Audrey!"

"Coming up. What you want?"

"Hurry up and get my mavericks out of McLaughlin's grain. Be sure to fix the fence for good."

"I got you."

"How about some Sunnybrook?" asked Ruffy.

"No, I don't care for any. Thanks, nevertheless. We must keep the cattle out of the grain—if we want to do any thrashing this fall."

"You are right," agreed Ruffy. "The next time your cattle break into my patch of choice Silver King oats I'll ride over and shoot you up."

"The same here!" McLaughlin shouted as his horse galloped away.

Audrey was desperately in love with Alga, McLaughlin's son, so much so, indeed, that he had saved all his money during the last two years and bought an automobile because she was very fond of motoring. Almost every evening they took a spin together over the plains, and there were few dances within a radius of twenty-five miles that they didn't attend. The match was looked upon with favor by both families; Audrey was ready at any time, so it all depended upon Alga.

A few days after McLaughlin had visited Ruffy in regard to the cattle, he noticed with chagrin and anger that Ruffy's cattle had again broken into his wheat field. Very angry, he got his rifle, jumped onto his already saddled pony and rode away.

At about the same time Hank Ruffy became aware of the fact that McLaughlin's cattle had again strayed into his patch of choice Silver King oats. He swore lengthily. After this psychic relief he remembered his threat, and at once decided to put it into effect. Accordingly his trusty automatic rifle was jerked from its case, loaded and slung over his shoulder. He saddled his horse hurriedly and rode away in angry haste.

About half way between the ranch houses McLaughlin and Ruffy met.

Ruffy shouted: "Do you remember

what I said I'd do if your cattle got into my oats again?"

"Yes, and do you recall what I also said?"

"Your mavericks are eating up the finest oats I ever had, so I am simply going to shoot you up."

"Same here; your blankety-blank critters are wallowing in my wheat field. I'll return bullet for bullet."

"Get off your horse. I can't shoot you in cold blood."

"That's what I say. I'm quite handy with my fists."

Consequently the two slid from their steeds, slung their rifles over the saddle horns and pulled off their outer clothing. Then after a few minutes of sparring and investive they closed in on each other and engaged in a regular rough-and-tumble fight. This lasted for about five minutes, until they were both thoroughly fagged, sweating and puffing. Their clothing was torn, their faces were bruised and bleeding, and each had a black eye.

"Too tired to fight longer, they retreated to their horses and grasped their rifles. At this juncture an automobile emerged from a turn in the road and sped toward them, so before the enraged ranchers could shoot at each other Alga and Audrey had driven their machine between them. Both jumped out, ran to their respective parents and jerked their rifles from them.

"Well, what in thunder is the meaning of all this?" asked Audrey in excitement.

"Yes, that's what I'd like to know," agreed Alga.

"That stiff over there expects to fatten his cows on my oats!" cried Ruffy.

"And you seem to want to have your skin-and-bones herd pasturing in my wheat!" retorted McLaughlin.

"None of that stuff!" shouted Audrey as he clapped his hand over his father's mouth. Alga did the same with her father.

Audrey spoke: "You big men are

acting like a couple of kids. It's the worst I've ever heard of. Don't you think it is a ridiculous, comical scream?" he asked Alga, who had begun to titter. She nodded and laughed outright, and he joined in until they were both convulsed with laughter. Ruffy and McLaughlin glowered at each other sheepishly until their children quieted down.

Then Audrey took Alga by the hand and said, "She has promised to make me the happiest man in the world. You know what that means."

McLaughlin's and Ruffy's glares softened a little.

"The inevitable result," continued Audrey, "that there will be no fences between your ranches and consequently no trouble. Your cattle will cease to be two herds and become one, in the same way as Alga and I will become one in the near future."

Forthwith he crushed her in his embrace and kissed her blushing cheeks.

Ruffy and McLaughlin sidled toward each other awkwardly and shook hands gingerly while looking into the sky.

"Rain would help my oats," said Ruffy.

"My wheat also," agreed McLaughlin.

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GERMANY INVITES A PROBE OF CONDITIONS OF BELGIAN WORKMEN

BERLIN, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 15.—An additional portion of the German reply to the American protest over deportation of Belgian workmen was made public here Thursday. It is said the Belgian unemployed had been sent from central receiving places in Paltengrad, Guben, Kassel, Meschede, Muenster, Soltau and Wittenberg.

"Of course," the note said, "occupations to which a hostile population, according to international law cannot be coerced, are excluded."

"If the American government attaches importance to this matter, it will be a pleasure to admit a member of the embassy in Berlin to obtain conditions under which these persons live, by a personal visit."

"The German government highly deprecates that by the slandering press campaign of her enemies the conditions explained above have been completely distorted in the United States. The German government likewise—not the least in the interest of the Belgian population—would greatly deplore it if by these distortions the highly beneficial action of the relief committee should be hampered and asks a way in which they may be continued."

About all the consolation some men get out of losing their money on another's game is that they are dead game sports.

## CLAIMS RARE OPERATION AVERTED DEATH FROM BICHLORIDE POISONING

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Surgeons were commenting here Thursday on the rare operation by Dr. James J. Roach, who claims to have averted death by chloride poisoning by an operation on the kidneys. The patient, Mrs. Jessie Wall, 22, is recovering after having swallowed 57½ grains of the poison.

"It has always been my theory that bichloride poisoning is fatal because it paralyzes the kidneys," Dr. Roach said. "This paralysis re-

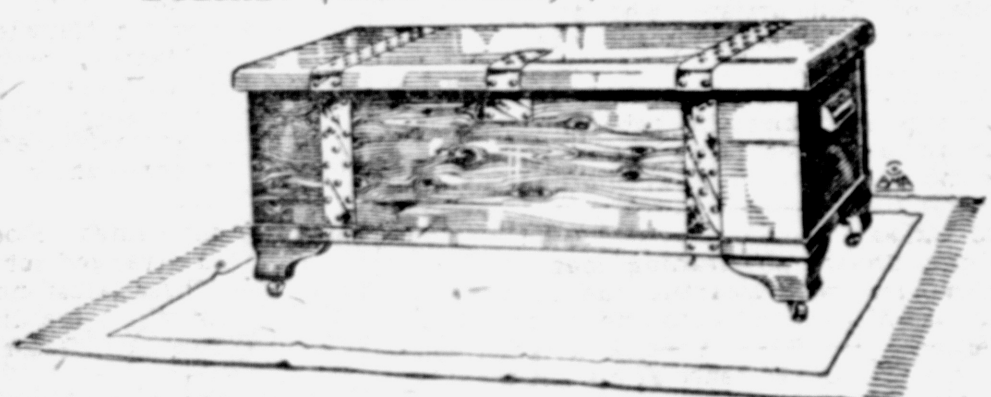
sults from the congestion of the blood supply of the kidneys. In the operation I relieved this congestion. I am convinced that if the kidneys are opened before paralysis sets in, the patient's life can be saved."

## NATION-WIDE PROBE OF COAL TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—With a view of reducing soaring prices on coal, the interstate commerce commission on Thursday instituted a nation-wide investigation of coal transportation cost. All railroads are included in the probe.

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NOVEMBER 11,836 DAILY AVERAGE

1—Wed	11,831	16—Thur	11,842
2—Thur	11,867	17—Fri	11,814
3—Fri	11,861	18—Sat	11,831
4—Sat	11,837	19—Sunday	
5—Sunday		20—Mon	11,809
6—Mon	11,851	21—Tues	11,827
7—Tues	11,829	22—Wed	11,854
8—Wed	11,840	23—Thur	11,833
9—Thur	11,838	24—Fri	11,821
10—Fri	11,901	25—Sat	11,846
11—Sat	11,808	26—Sunday	
12—Sunday		27—Mon	11,819
13—Mon	11,821	28—Tues	11,839
14—Tues	11,824	29—Wed	11,804
15—Wed	11,859	30—Thur	11,816
Total			307,732
Average			11,836
Extra copies during the month			6,631

Total average for Nov. 12,091

L. Frank H. Burgess, business manager of the La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1916, was as above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of December, 1916.

Notary Public.

WEATHER

U.S. Weather Bureau WEATHER, regimentalitzpartudi b Sunrise tomorrow, 7:34 a. m. Sunset tomorrow, 4:28 p. m. Yesterday's Temperatures High, 1; low, -4; precipitation, .05.

Forecasts

For Wisconsin: Fair tonight with colder in east portion. Saturday increasing cloudiness with rising temperature. Fresh to strong winds becoming variable.

For Minnesota: Partly cloudy with probably snow flurries late tonight or Saturday. Rising temperature Saturday and in west portion tonight. Fresh winds.

For Iowa: Fair tonight with warmer in northwest portion; continued cold in east portion. Saturday fair with rising temperature.

Weather Conditions

Areas of low pressure are central this morning off the Carolina coast, in northeastern Wisconsin, and north of Montana while an area of high pressure covers the country from the north Pacific to the west gulf states. These pressure conditions are causing higher temperature from Montana to the upper lakes and in the south Atlantic states and lower temperature from the lower and central Mississippi valley to the lower lakes and local rain and snow in the Atlantic and east gulf states and local snow from Montana to the lake region. The weather will be fair and continued cold in this section tonight and generally fair Saturday, with rising temperature. Temperatures slightly below zero will be recorded tonight.

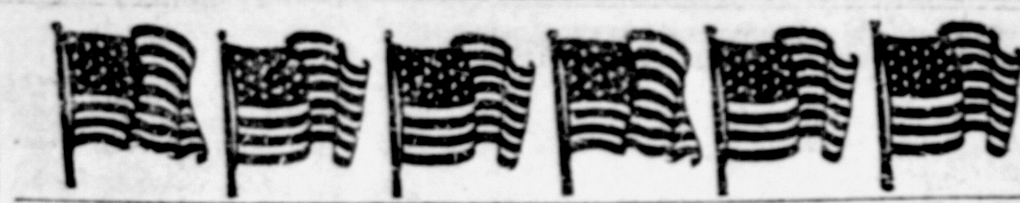
The Searchlight

Firemen Attend Auto Schools

Milwaukee is sending all of her firemen to auto schools. Classes of twenty men are formed for courses of twenty-five weeks during which they receive instruction in the care and operation of automobiles and gasoline driven machinery. All the equipment of the fire department is being supplemented by auto service and the firemen must be able to operate the new appliances. Over 300 men are now attending this auto school, each of whom attends two afternoons every week.

First Military Bands.

Military bands first came into existence about 1685—in the reign of Charles II. That monarch had a partiality for music. Anyhow, it was he who, by a royal warrant which he issued in that year, authorized the employment of 12 musicians in "the company of the King's Regiment of Foot Guards in London." Furthermore, in order to secure higher pay for the musicians than was granted to the other Tommies of that day, the merry monarch very "honestly" directed "that a fictitious name should be borne on the strength of each of the other companies of the regiment quartered in the country." The money received for the payment of these Tommies who did not exist was then divided amongst the bandmen—a simple, if not very straightforward, arrangement, certainly!



WE'RE GLAD AND PROUD OF THE BOYS

No printed word is needed to express to the returned soldiers the thanks and welcome with which this city receives them back again, after more than a third of a year given to service of the nation in the hardships of camp and field. The shout that drowned out the bands when their train pulled in Thursday night, sent up by thousands who had waited an hour in the bitter cold, the hysteric babble of cheers and tears that made their march to the home armories one long ovation were a welcome home which said more than any pen could express.

As they are enveloped again in the dear comforts of home and friends, may every soldier feel that his city is as proud of him, and as glad to have him back, as the mother who wept as she took him into her arms, or the father who crushed his hand and said nothing because he dared not risk his voice. To see him and his comrades swinging along through the home streets, fit and hearty, warmed the heart of the city as few things have done. La Crosse is proud of her soldiers, grateful for the way in which they enhanced her good name in distant parts, and glad—tremendously glad to have them back.

A FAMINE PARADE

Boston proposes to wallop the cost of living with a "famine parade". It is expected to be somewhat of a social function. The society women of the Back Bay and other fashionable districts have been asked to join. It will be solely a woman's affair, under the direction of the president of the Boston Housekeepers' league. And as the chief feature of the parade it is announced that the marchers will be "garbed in rags".

That will no doubt make an impressive procession. But why the rags? Why put so much emphasis on clothes in a "famine parade"? Clothing has gone up, along with 'most everything else; but it has not gone up so much as food, it doesn't involve so much of the average family's income, and in general it doesn't constitute nearly so much of a problem. Anyway, the protest isn't supposed to be against the price of clothing, but against the price of provisions.

If these Boston society women want to make a really effective protest, they ought to fast for a week or so before they march. Then, regardless of what they wore, their "famine parade" would mean something.

Or if they don't care to go to such an extreme, why don't they organize a parade of women who really feel the pinch of hunger every day of their lives? They could be found. And that sort of demonstration would amount to something.

CITY SERVICE SCHOOLS

Our up-and-doing friend Kansas is opening a school for city service, reports a news item from Topeka. In this school men and women will be taught how to run an electrical plant, water plant, sewage system, lay pavements, keep the records of the city, and do everything else that is required of city officials. It's a good scheme.

American cities have long been considered the least efficiently managed groups in our political life. Apparently Kansas has decided that it's time to have the city's business attended to by trained experts. But before some of us are ready to start teaching public servants how to run municipal affairs, we've got to train the ordinary citizen to care about it. It might be well to establish schools in which the average taxpayer may be taught that the size alone of the budget is not the whole story, that economy may well lie in a larger budget properly handled and used wisely with foresight and care for the future of the municipality. Such city service schools would be able to do an incalculable amount of good, and the training of officials would follow as a natural result.

BE A FRESH AIR CRANK

When the annual grip epidemic hits us we always blame it on the cold weather, and go on suffering from the disease and spreading it as far as possible. That there are about three times as many deaths from pneumonia, bronchitis, colds and grip in the winter as in the summer is not to be blamed on the temperature. The main cause lies in the fact that we shut our windows as winter approaches and open them all too rarely until spring returns. Fresh air is the big safe-guard against all these throat and lung diseases, and it is the thing we deny ourselves from November to May.

What we ought to do right now before the winter is a day farther advanced, is to become fresh air cranks. Open your windows, drive out stale, disease laden air, sleep with windows open, walk as much in the open air as time permits us.

It isn't particularly hard or heroic to be a crank, once we get used to it. And the results are so beneficial and so pleasant that we soon wonder how we ever came to dread the fresh air in the winter.

PHONES BETWEEN ISLANDS

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 15.—Besides a boat connected with the mainland, the Apostle islands in Lake Superior will be in the future connected with each other and Bayfield by means of telephones, State Senator C. A. Lamoreaux said upon his return from Washington.

Look to the Future.

Henceforth lumber growing will be making probable use of soil; not a quick profit, and possibly no profit to the planter, but should he not be mindful of his descendants?

Happiness.

The happiness of today is as important as the happiness of tomorrow.

STANDARD OIL CUTS MELON

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Holders of Standard Oil stocks will receive nearly \$10,000,000 in cash this year. Add to this the distributions made as stocks and dividends and the amount reaches \$128,909,663, as compared with \$50,791,000 last year.

Austria to Use Iron Coins.

A new regulation, issued by the Austrian ministry of finance, orders the withdrawal of all nickel coins. Iron coins will be used as substitutes. London Times.

Hidden.

I pack my troubles in as little compass as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others.—Southey.

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Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

Out of the Mouths of Kids The sympathetic neighbor asked: "Is your little brother ill this morning, Johnnie?" I heard him crying in the most heartrending way. "No, not exactly," Johnnie explained, "but Willie pulled down a jar of molasses on himself in the pantry, and mother has been trying to comb his hair."

No Foolishness "My boy," "Yes, dad?" "In wooling success—" "Yes, dad?" "Remember, that's a girl you gotta sit up nights with."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Did He Have the Coin Milton Balzac was a struggling author. Of course he was poor, and of course he was starving and living in a bare garret. No self-respecting author ever struggled without a bare garret.

But now the end was at hand. He had had no food for two days, and his masterpiece had been returned from the forty-eighth publisher. So at midnight he carefully stopped up every crevice in window and door, turned on the gas and lay down on his plank bed to die.

But in the morning—such is the irony of fate—there arrived a letter from a famous editor, inclosing a check for \$100 for one of his exquisite short stories. Ah, it was too, too sad!

But do not weep. M. B. was not dead. He is alive today, making ten thousand a year from his novels. He had forgotten to put a coin in the gas meter!

And You Can't play Nights Two soldiers caused some amusement at a golf course the other day. The first man teed up and made a mighty swipe, but failed to shift the ball. The miss was repeated no fewer than three times.

His pal was unable to stand it any longer. "For heaven's sake, Bill," he broke out, "hit the bloomin' thing. You know we have only four days' leave."

Explaining the Demise "This story says: 'The song died on her lips.' " "Oh, she probably murdered it."—Boston Evening Transcript.

A Sirius Comment "Haven't you sometimes feared that the country is going to the dogs?" "I don't care so much if it does," replied Senator Sorghum. "If it is turned over to thoroughbred watchdogs."—Washington Evening Star.

The Difference A pessimist is sad, indeed. Because his garden went to seed. The optimist, with courage true. Just plants the seed and hopes anew. —Washington Evening Star.

THE TRIBUNE'S DAILY TRAVELETTE (By Rickab)

KASHAN Kashan is perhaps the most typical of Persian cities. It lies on the great road that runs between the two metropolises of Teheran and Isfahan, and is itself a city of no mean size, containing as it does a mixed and miscellaneous population of forty thousand souls. It is noted as the place of the tragic death of Persia's most popular politician, as the abode of scorpions of immense size and unpleasant disposition, and as a center for the manufacture of Persian silks.

On arriving in Kashan the American traveler is confronted by the problem of obtaining a lodging. The city contains no European hotels, though the prices generally charged in Persia would indicate that catering to the European traveler is among the most lucrative of occupations, even though a specimen of the genus only appears about once a month. Patient search discloses the fact that the telegraph office, being owned by a European syndicate though native-managed, can be prevailed upon to grant a shelter to the westerner. Thus we have another proof of the economic doctrine that international friendship follows international investment. The friendship only extends as far as a roof and a floor in this case, but is none the less welcome.

Strolling forth from the telegraph office you pass a mosque and a religious college, for this is one of the centers where Mohammedan teachers receive their education. A little farther, and your ears are greeted by the not unpleasant din of a thousand hammers beating copper. The hammered copper pots and utensils of Kashan are known throughout the Orient, and have a great reputation for good workmanship and durability. The finished pot is an unlovely thing, and the music of the hammers is the most artistic feature of the job.

On two sides Kashan is bordered by inhospitable hills where bandits abound. To the north and east stretches a gloomy, sandy plain. Between mountain and plain the city goes about its affairs, somewhat down at the heels architecturally, but none the less cheerfully alive and up-to-date, a city with some hope of a future as well as the memory of a past.

OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

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Susan brought the nuts and apples out again after their brief period of retirement, and seated herself at the table, to share the Eden-like repast. "You'd be an awful easy man to cook for, Mr. Dale," she said, with a glance which in another woman would have been coquettish. But the arrow glanced harmless. Joel's mood was abstracted. Not for some time had he put into practice his theories regarding uncooked food, and his rebellious appetite craved more stimulating fare. He munched his nuts with distracting memories of yesterday's pot roast. He found himself resenting Susan's eager compliance. She should have insisted on preparing him a good meal—good from her standpoint—and as a gentleman he could have done no less than show his appreciation by eating it.

For once Joel had lost interest in his own eloquence. Inward voices were protesting against this return to the fare which had satisfied Father Adam. When he retired to the armchair, after dinner, and relapsed into a sulky silence, Susan remembered that the obligation to amuse him was also nominated in the bond. Luckily his tastes were literary, which rendered her task a simple one.

Susan stepped into the tightly-closed, partially darkened parlor which never in the sultriest weather seemed wholly to lose the chill of its unwarm winter days. The center of the room was occupied by a square table, on each corner of which lay a book, the four arranged with geometrical nicety. Susan was too familiar with Clematis traditions not to know that the books on the center-table were seldom of a sort one would care to open, but as she lifted the nearest volume and saw that it was a collection of poems, she felt a comforting certainty that luck was with her.

"You're a great admirer of poetry ain't you, Mr. Dale? I've always understood so."

With an effort Joel roused himself.

"Another has expressed my sentiments, Miss Fitzgerald."

"Verse sweetens toil, however rude the sound."

"Then if you'd like, I'll read you a little so's to help pass the time." Susan seated herself near the window, cleared her throat and opening the volume at random, began in the self-conscious and unnatural voice characterizing ninety-nine people out of every hundred who attempt the reading of verse.

"O there's a heart for every one. If every one could find it. Then up and seek, ere youth is gone. What'er the task, ne'er mind it. For if you chance to meet at last With that one heart intended—"

Susan's voice had grown husky. She cleared her throat again. "I'm afraid I made a poor selection," she apologized. "You see I'm not as familiar with poetry as you are, Mr. Dale." She turned the leaves in a confusion that increased as her groping vision stumbled continually on lines strangely sentimental.

"Let thy love in kisses rain On my cheeks and eyelids pale."

Susan opened ten pages ahead and tried again.

"When stars are in the quiet skies. Then most I pine for thee. Bend on me, then thy tender eyes. As stars look on the sea."

Joel's change of position was subtly suggestive of weariness. Susan whirled the leaves and took a desperate plunge.

"Ask if I love thee? O, smiles can not tell Plainer what tears are now showing too well."

Had I not loved thee my sky had been clear:

Had I not loved thee, I had not been here."

It was plainly impossible for a self-respecting single woman to continue. "Why, they're all silly," she exclaimed, with a little nervous giggle. Her face flamed. What was she to say next, not only to carry out Persis Dale's injunction, but to occupy the blank silence which contradictorily seemed echoing with that fateful refrain. "Had I not loved thee I had not been here."

When in doubt, play trumps. Susan Fitzgerald's chief interest in life was the question of woman's suffrage. And the confusion which had swept her mind bare of small talk, had not justified her substantial ideas on the familiar theme. She determined to broach the subject delicately and with caution. If Joel cared for discussion, this would occupy a good portion of the afternoon, and be a sufficient antidote for her unfortunate poetical selections. It was even possible that a strong forceful presentation of the case might result in making a convert. Susan thrilled, realizing what such an accession would mean to the cause.

"Mr. Dale," she began, feeling her way to a tactful introduction. "I am sure you must have a pretty good opinion of women. A man with such a sister as you've got couldn't help it."

Her opening was unfortunate. No man is so reluctant to recognize feminine superiority as the one who profits most by the gifts of some woman. Joel's brow clouded, and his answer showed a cautious, resolute not to be trapped into any compromising admission.

"Oh, I haven't anything against women folks. I've always thought

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NEWS NOTES from MOVIELAND

Dodo Newton is only "half past six," but already she has gained a devoted following. In the latest Mary Miles Minter picture she took the part of Miss Minter as a child. In "The Sequel to the Diamond of the Sky," she plays the role of a real live boy, and that is the one thing Dodo has longed to do ever since she has played for pictures.

"Dodo always has wanted to be a boy," says the little girl's mother. "I dressed her like a boy until about a year ago, and she did not like it at all when I put her in skirts. Her real name is Dorothy, but she prefers Dodo. 'It sounds more like a boy,' she says."

All "Film Artists" Now Exit the "extra." Enter "film artist."

"Extra players" was a term not to the liking of the supporting actors awaiting a call at the movie agencies on Broadway. It was not temperamental; it did not suggest art; it was almost deprecating.

"We are 'film artists,'" they said. And now they refuse to work for a producer who calls for "about a hundred extras."

Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin do not "belong." They are not exclusive enough. They speak of their art as work which is a crime in the circles of "film artists" who do not associate with the American Federation of Labor.

The producers in New York have agreed to recognize the new title, a rose by any other name not costing any more.

Said Chase: Collin Chase, pet leading man of the movies, was cleaning the mud from his elegant big auto one bright afternoon last week when a neighbor looked over the fence at his home in beautiful New Jersey.

"Why waste such a fine afternoon?" asked the neighbor. "Why don't you clean the car at night?" Chase looked up in amazement and said, "Why, that's when it gets dirty."

Fenwick on Art Irene Fenwick is successful both in pictures and on the stage, weighs about 90, equipped, and pronounces her name—Fenwick.

Famous actresses appearing in the



Dodo Newton.

movies are nearly unanimous in expressing a great liking for the art of the movies.

Miss Fenwick, being interviewed, says: "I have the greatest liking for the movies. They pay such large salaries."

A home for broken down cab horses is a project which Marguerite Clayton, Essanay leading woman, has launched forth in Chicago. Miss Clayton will submit a practical plan for the "home" to horse fanciers at the coming Chicago horse show.

A new department named "Modish Coiffures" has been arranged for the Mutual program. These latest modes of wearing the hair will come direct from a most exclusive hairdresser.

Owing to the high cost of custard pies, it is feared that certain comedy-producing companies will be forced to disband.

The unconventional ingenue who insists on being fully gowned in the pictures has but bare chance to attain success.

Edythe Sterling has left Los Angeles for Guatemala, where she will support Tyrone Power in "The Planter" to be made in twelve reels.

fully belonged to her. You'd want her to have a chance to fill her place in the world, wouldn't you?" "Why, yes, I'd be in favor of that." Joel's voice was less positive than his words, owing to an inward uncertainty as to the trend of these observations.

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FRANCE, Dec. 15.—This is a machine war. One realizes this more as winter swamps the earth with mud and wet. The purely human element is balked—but the machines keep war grinding on. The infantry cannot march—but auto busses shunt the men back and forth like magic. The scouts are almost paralyzed—but aeroplanes defy the elements.

The soldiers cannot pass the mud-holes between their line and the enemy and stick to trench work and trench mortars all day. So when the communique reads: "There is nothing to report," it doesn't mean the front is silent, for the machine fighting never ceases.

Just now one of the wettest, chilliest, dreariest snowfalls on record seems bent upon ushering in a correspondingly soggy winter. Huge flakes of snow, resembling monstrous goose feathers and completely arresting aerial operations, limit the vision to scarcely a hundred yards. But artillery and trench warfare goes on. Nothing stops this. The worst possible weather can only cause a slowing up.

Even when the snow and rain and fog prevents all attempts at observation, there are always many chartered points against which the artillery hammers. The trench mortar men have the exact range of the enemy trenches in front.

The freezing weather and thaws are very damaging to trenches, which have a tendency to crumble and cave in. Thus it is the British Tommy's idea to keep the mortars few, as few projectiles are wasted. Even if there are no casualties of the enemy, his trenches are usually damaged, the soft condition of the earth rendering explosions doubly effective.

**Airmen Hard to Suppress**  
Though the air activity was stopped in this part of the line during a snowstorm, yet the fact remains that the weather seldom completely suppresses the everlastingly alert airmen. Thursday it drizzled almost all day and clouds seemed at times to be resting in the tree tops. The day was dark and forbidding. Nevertheless, there were many war plans abroad and at least one German machine was brought down in a thrilling battle near Arras.

Through tempests of wind, rain and icy blasts, the airmen got aloft,

stopping only when it was impossible to see.

Only eight years ago at the first aviation meet in history, which took place at the now war-battered Rheims, before a pilot ascended he first looked at the sky then wet his finger and held it up to see which way the breeze was blowing. And one day when an aviator flew a few feet from the aerodrome to the city, rounding the now fire-blackened and shell-scarred towers of the famous cathedral, a correspondent who was present, cabled the item as a news event of world importance.

Now almost daily cannon-carrying aircraft and aeroplanes bearing machine guns and hundreds of pounds of bombs, fight battles in the air and carry destruction far behind the enemy lines, scorching the thundering guns spitting steel at them.

#### FORMER SLAVE DIES

BELOIT, Wis., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Adelaide Mathews, a colored woman who was born a slave, died yesterday.

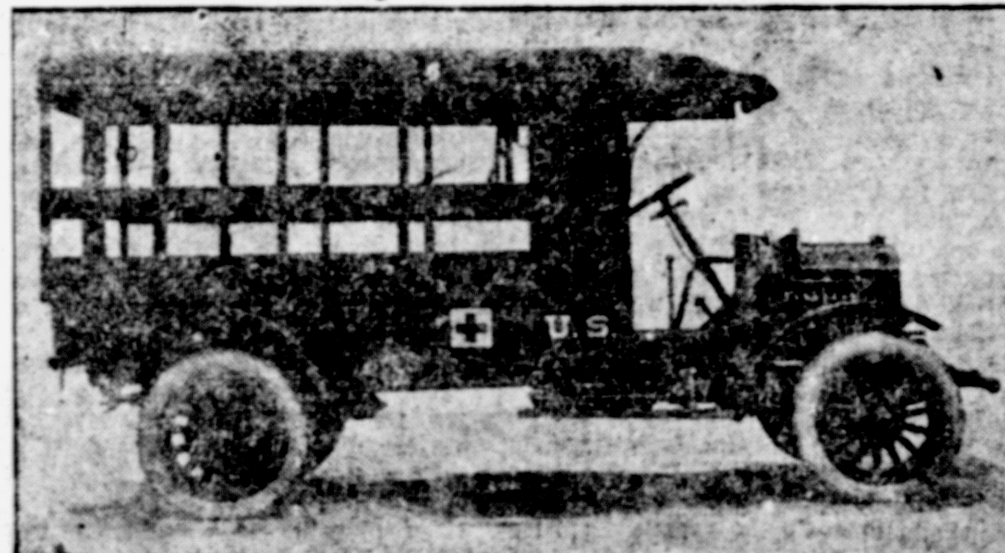
### STORY OWEN WILL RESIGN DISPELLED

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Attorney General Walter C. Owen will not resign his office on January 1, as rumored recently when he entered the firm of Richmond & Jackman of this city. Mr. Owen made arrangements Thursday for his bond as attorney general of the state for the coming two years, which dispels all predictions that some other man will occupy the chair in his office during the coming biennium.

#### SUBMARINE DAMAGED

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 14.—Within a short distance of the shore the U. S. submarine H-33 on Thursday was badly damaged in the breakers opposite Eureka, having been rolled over in a heavy angle by the seas. The submarine signalled that all on board were safe.

### United States Tires on United States Army Ambulances



The United States Army specified, in the recent order which it placed with the Service Motor Truck Company of Indiana for a fleet of twenty-five ambulances, the use of United States Tires on all four wheels. Most of these ambulances will go into active service along the Mexican border where United States Tires have already made a record for themselves in the various branches of the Army.

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<b>Handkerchiefs</b> Children's boxed Handkerchiefs, 3 in box and 6 in box, priced <b>25c up to \$1.50</b> Men's all Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 in a box, at <b>\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2</b> Beautiful line of Embroidered Handkerchiefs at each <b>25c up to \$1.50</b> Men's plain Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 50c	<b>Gloves</b> Just received a shipment of white Chamoi-sette Gloves, all sizes, at the pair <b>79c</b> KID GLOVES in white, black and colors. Pair priced from <b>\$1.39 to \$2.75</b> A complete stock of La Crosse Star Knitting Company Wool Mittens and Gloves.
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<b>Toilet Articles</b> Manicure Files, Cuticle Knives, Nail Polishers, Hair Brushes, Combs, Military Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hat Brushes, Hair Receivers, Jewel Boxes, etc. Priced from <b>25c up to \$2.00</b> Manicure Sets in leather roll and cases, from <b>\$1.25 up to \$5.00</b> Toilet and Traveling Sets from <b>\$1.50 up to \$10</b>	<b>Hosiery</b> Fibre Silk Hose in black and colors, at the pair <b>50c</b> We have a ladies' pure thread Silk Hose in white and nearly every wanted shade. This is the best quality hose that can be bought for the price... <b>\$1.00</b> Others at pair \$1.25 up to \$2. Eiderdown Flannel for bath robes, at the yard <b>35c</b> Waist Patterns in holiday boxes, extra special at— <b>79c and \$1.50</b>
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### TUBERCULOSIS CURE SUCCESS IN STATE COMMITTEE FINDS

La Crosse Investigators Determine That Sanatoria Have Made Good

Sanatoria for the cure of tuberculosis have been good, in the opinion of the special county board committee which returned Wednesday from a visit to Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee county "T. B." cures, enthusiastically determined to make a favorable report and work for the establishment of a similar institution in La Crosse county. As a business proposition, as well as a humanitarian necessity, the committee was convinced by its trip that the tuberculosis sanatorium is worth while. The committee was greatly impressed, it was said upon its return, with the fact that every white plague sanatorium in the state is overcrowded, with many more applicants than can be admitted.

It was learned that the state sanatorium at Wales will ask for a 100 bed infirmary at the coming session of the legislature and for more provision for children. The situation in Kenosha county is rapidly becoming such that Willowbrook will only be able to receive patients from the home county.

**Local Girl at Kenosha**  
Special interest was naturally taken by the committees in the Kenosha county sanatorium because of the fact that its superintendent is Miss Constance M. Hayes, a former resident of La Crosse, a graduate of St. Francis hospital training school and laboratory nurse for Dr. Edward Evans, who was forced to resign in order that she might go into a sanatorium and fight successfully the same disease which she is now helping others to fight. The remarkably convincing record which Willowbrook has made in the eight months since it opened, the low cost of maintenance to the community, the spirit manifested by the patients, and the fact that with the taxpayers of Kenosha the tuberculosis sanatorium is now conceded to be the most popular institution supported by county funds removed any doubts which members of the committee might have had considering the practicability of recommending immediate action by the La Crosse board. The fact that it has cost the people of Kenosha county the low sum of 10 cents per capita to provide treatment and care during the eight months for forty sick and in some cases despairing people, was an argument, it was felt, showing the economic as well as the humanitarian value of the sanatorium. The committee was also impressed

with the deep interest which the taxpayers generally are taking in the institution. In no county board of the state has the sanatorium project been more stubbornly fought than it was in Kenosha. Once established, however, and proving its value by actual results, it is receiving the heartiest support, the county board at its November meeting making most liberal provision for

the current expenses of the coming year and for the equipping and stocking of a farm to be run in connection with the sanatorium.

**FALLS 18 FEET; KILLED**  
STEVENS POINT, Wis., Dec. 15.—William Lutz, 40 years old, living near Almond, was killed when he fell eighteen feet from a beam in his barn.

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## WHEAT TUMBLES STILL FURTHER ON LATEST NEWS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—After a rally just before noon, wheat again started down and fell as much as five points before the close at \$1.15. December closed at \$1.42 1-2, 11 points below Thursday's close and 4 1-2 below the opening; May closed at \$1.55 1-2, 11 1-2 below Thursday's close and 7 1-2 below the opening; July was \$1.32 1-4, 10 3-8 below Thursday's close and 6 1-4 under the opening.

News that Germany is willing to consider proposals for the limitation of armament frightened speculators into turning loose heavy holdings.

Wheat fell heavily when the market opened, losing as much as nine cents shortly after trading began, in a tumultuous pit.

Before noon the market recovered a little of its losses and December was at \$1.47 1-2, up 1-2c above the opening and 6c below Thursday night's close; May was \$1.58 1-4, down 4 1-4 below the opening and 8 3-8 below Thursday's close. July was \$1.36 1-8, down 2 3-8 below the opening and 6 1-2c below Thursday's close.

The market was still very weak and nervous. During the morning the transactions were enormous and price changes quick and heavy.

The pit has not seen such bedlam in months as broke when the gong sounded at the opening of the exchange.

Corn followed wheat in the early drop but later recovered and at noon December was at 88 5-8c, up 1 5-8c above the opening and down 1 3-4c below Thursday's close; July 89 1-4c, up 7-8c above the opening, and 1 1-2c below Thursday's close.

Oats showed heavy fluctuations for that commodity, losing more than two points at the opening. Later recovery left December at 48c at noon, up one over the opening and 1 3-4c below Thursday's close; May at 51 5-8c down 3-8c below the opening and 1 3-8c below Thursday's.

Provisions were higher than at the opening.

## LOCAL SOLDIERS BACK IN HOMES LEFT LAST JUNE

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A hearty shout went up from the Menominee and Eau Claire companies left on the train. As a company swung past the M. Army they sent up a parting "hooray" for their comrades who left them there, and continued on with their own adoring gallery of friends and families to the Governor's Guard armory at Sixth and Market streets. The sanitary detachment was more or less broken up in the march, but they landed at their main street armory in good shape, and all were soon present or accounted for.

The men were not resigned to their families until after they had been dismissed in their armories. Itching as they were to break away, they nevertheless stayed in the ranks until released by their officers. The officers made short work of the dismissal. In the armories the men formed up to attention, the captains said a few sentences of thanks and commendation, and then turned them loose.

Then came the reunion. With one accord the soldiers made for the doors and burst through to the eager throngs outside. In five minutes the halls were almost deserted, and the soldiers were just husbands, fathers, sons and sweethearts again. Weeping, laughing women hurried themselves on each soldier as he came through the door, friends fought to shake hands, and each was borne away in the center of a knot of eager relatives.

The men were released from duty for the evening, but they were told to come back to the armories before the end of the week to turn in their equipment. They were given permission to keep their uniforms until after the big municipal celebration of their return next Monday evening at the high school, for that is to be distinctly a khaki affair.

Chilly on First Lap of Trip

The trip home was uneventful, unless chilly can be called an event in the life of a soldier. Glad as the soldiers were to be home, they were yet distinctly "peevish" over the way the return was handled. From Fort Sheridan, where they were mustered out early Thursday morning, they were taken to Milwaukee on interurban cars of the Chicago & Milwaukee electric line. The cars were not heated, to speak of, and the Third regiment shivered, in spite of its overcoats, in the zero temperature. Paul C. Gatterdam, a member of the sanitary detachment, froze his feet, and the rest of the men were acutely miserable. At Milwaukee they were marched across town to the Milwaukee station, and entrained upon the coaches which brought them home.

Why the trip was made by the roundabout route, when the Northwestern railroad was at the gates of the Fort Sheridan reservation and could have brought the men home without a change of cars, nobody seemed able to explain. The Menominee and Eau Claire troops were even worse off, for although the Northwestern has a direct route to their home towns, they were on the La Crosse train, and were taken into Minnesota, around by Wabasha, and so home in the wee hours of the morning.

Crowds Cold but Cheerful

The crowd which met the La Crosse troops was a cheerful, happy throng in spite of the cold. In response to the fire bell signal which told the city the troop train had left Sparta, there were thousands at the station almost an hour before the train actually arrived. The waiting room, lunch room and every other available warm spot in the neighborhood of the station was crowded to the last inch, and hundreds more stamped and swung their arms in the street and on the platform. The

## "MY ATHLETES" BEST OF ALL STATE UNITS IN U. S. COLONEL TELLS THIRD

There's not a man in the ranks of the returning soldiers, it developed in discussions on Friday, who does not believe unequivocally that the Third Wisconsin is the best regiment in the United States militia. And they have the goods to prove it, according to Colonel Ran A. Richards, Sparta, commander of the "Shooting Third."

In a little speech he made to the regiment just before they left Fort Sheridan, Colonel Richards stuck the laurel on the blushing brow of the Third.

"Men," he said, according to the soldiers, "the Wisconsin National guard has won the reputation on the border of being the best militia unit of the Wisconsin brigade. The records will show—I speak with full knowledge—that in every department the Third Wisconsin leads. The records of the hikes will show that the Third has the greatest endurance, that it has the best discipline and the most efficiency. The records of camp sanitation, the hospital records—every department concerning which a report is kept will find the Third Wisconsin at the top."

The Third is as proud of its white-haired colonel as he is of the Third. Members of the "best regiment of the best brigade" were telling their friends with enthusiasm on Friday how Colonel Richards always calls his troops "my athletes." He believes that the Third, as regards physical prowess, is ahead of any other command, militia or regulars, on the Mexican border.

police were busy keeping a clear avenue for the troops to march through. The Municipal band and the North Side band were early on the scene, and kept themselves and the crowd in good humor by an impromptu concert.

It is estimated that 5,000 people were at the station and crowding the business district to cheer the returning soldiers.

Co. M Gives Surprise

Owing to misinformation certified to by officials of the railroad, hundreds of friends and relatives of soldiers in Company M were not at the train when that command lined up on the platform for the march to its armory. It had been announced by the Milwaukee railroad offices here that Company M was to come in on a second section of the troop train. Instead, they came in with a company and the sanitary detachment, and had a real surprise party on the city.

Road Lost Track

Officials of the Milwaukee railroad, both in La Crosse and Milwaukee, and agents at stations between the two points, completely lost track of the La Crosse guardsmen at least as regards being able to tell upon what trains they would arrive in La Crosse. Word went out early Thursday morning that Company B and the hospital corps would leave the Cream city at noon on the first section of the Columbian. Company M was to have left Milwaukee an hour later on the second section. At the last minute extra coaches were provided for Company M and the entire La Crosse guard returned home together, as it was planned at first.

The railroad officials here, however, were not aware of the change in plans, it was evident, and continued to assure the council committee and others who bombarded them with messages, that the companies would reach the city separately.

At 4:30 Thursday afternoon Aldermen William Torrance and Charles J. Weigel, who were accompanied to Sparta by William Berg, a member of the Governor's Guard, and a TRIBUNE reporter, were notified by the Milwaukee road agent at Sparta that the first section was several hours late out of Milwaukee. The party spent the afternoon in the business section of Sparta, and by mere chance were notified that the train, which they thought was to contain but part of the guard, would arrive at Sparta at 6:05.

Verified by Officials

Aldermen Torrance and Weigel, members of the special homecoming committee, sought information from the Sparta agent as to verification of the report that the troops would be separated. The agent got in touch with officials of the road at Milwaukee and was again informed Company M would arrive an hour later than the first detachment.

Although his son, William J. Torrance, a member of Company B, was on the train, Alderman Torrance agreed to allow Weigel and Berg to accompany the first returning troops to La Crosse. A conductor notified the committee when the train arrived at Sparta that no La Crosse companies were aboard. Again by mere chance the officials were told that Company B and the sanitary corps were on the train. Alderman Torrance prepared to await the second section at Sparta. The train was about to pull out of town when Alderman Weigel spied members of Company M. Learning that the company was aboard, he managed to get Torrance on the steps of the then moving liver.

He Phoned Mayor

Alderman Weigel had notified Mayor Bentley over the long distance telephone a few minutes prior to the arrival of the Columbian at Sparta, that the second section would bring the balance of the troops.

Fiji Islanders Civilized.

The Fiji Islanders of today are more orderly and sober than any peoples of European ancestry, and literacy is rarer in Fiji than in Massachusetts, writes Dr. A. G. Mayer in Popular Science Monthly. You were safer even 15 years ago in any part of Fiji, although your host knew how you tasted, than you could be in the streets of any civilized city. It is clear that in disposition the Fijians are not unlike ourselves, and only in their time-honored customs were they barbarous. Indeed the lowest human beings are not in the far-off wilds of Africa, Australia or New Guinea, but among the degenerate of our own great cities. Nor are there any characteristics of the savage he ever so low, which are not retained in an appreciable degree by the most cultured among us.

## Christmas Slippers

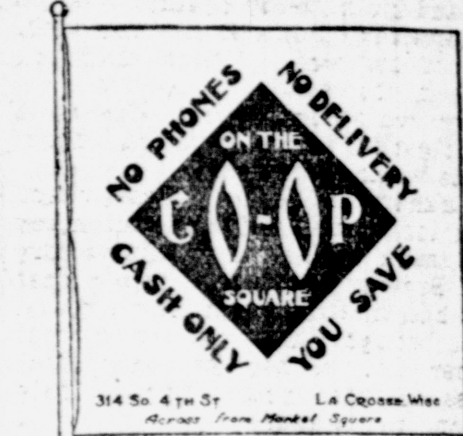
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- Yacht Club Chili Sauce, bot. **14c**
- Christmas Candies, per pound up from **15c**
- Home brand Pork and Beans, an extra large can **10c**
- Libby's Spanish style Ketchup—per bottle **14c**
- Prunes—50-60 size, lb. **12c**
- 40-50 size, lb. **14c**
- 30-40 size, lb. **15c**
- Heinz' Plum or Fig Pudding—Large tin **33c**
- Small tin **17c**
- Heinz' Mince Meat—2 pound tin **40c**
- 1 pound tin **24c**
- Golden Leaf Pumpkin, can **9c**

## STATISTICS SHOW FARMER UNABLE TO STEM PRICE RAISE

Every Crop Involved in High Cost of Living Proved Disappointment in Federal Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The belief that the American farmer might be able to stem the tide of advancing food prices through an adequate yield was only abandoned Friday with the final and official announcement by the government crop experts, based on thousands of reports from departmental agents in all sections of the United States.

Not only did every grain crop, as well as potatoes, apples and some garden vegetables fall below last year's figures, but other crops involved in the high cost of living proved a disappointment.

Final reports showed an unusual shortage of all major crops Friday. Wheat, corn and oats—the great American staples—failed to come up to expectations.

The total estimated production of wheat in the United States during 1916 was 629,866,000 bushels, as against 1,025,901,000 bushels for 1915, and 728,225,000 for a five-year average, the United States bureau of estimates reported Friday.

The total production of corn during the year was 2,583,241,000 bushels, against 2,994,793,000 bushels for 1915, and 2,732,457,000 bushels for a five-year average.

The total production of winter wheat was 481,744,000 bushels, and of spring wheat 158,142,000 bushels. The total production of oats was 1,251,992,000 bushels, against 1,549,030,000 bushels for 1915 and 1,157,961,000 bushels as a five-year average.

Total production of potatoes was 285,437,000 bushels, against 359,721,000 bushels in 1915, and 350,772,000 for a five-year average.

Total production of apples was 67,693,000 barrels, against 76,670,000 barrels in 1915, and 65,966,000 for a five-year average.

**School Note.**  
You can never make true citizenship by teaching arithmetic and grammar alone.—Columbus State Journal.

## FREE! FREE! Big Chicken Dinner Saturday Night WILSON & LOTH BUFFET 318 South 4th Street.

**NOMINATED FOR U. S. C.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson on Friday nominated Winthrop Moore Daniels, New Jersey, to be a member of the interstate commerce commission.

**Ivy on Tavern Doors.**  
In olden times ivy bushes were hung over the doors of taverns as signboards, because the plant was sacred to Bacchus, the god of wine.

**Impossible.**  
"I think I will organize a vegetable trust." "Couldn't keep it quiet. There would be sure to be a leak somewhere."

A man isn't necessarily a coward because he is afraid to argue with a woman. He may merely have good sense.

"Time the shuttle drives, but you give to every thread its hue And select your destiny." —W. H. Burleigh.

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## Captain Rupp Expects To Be Back on Border



"I'm certainly glad to be back home," Captain Herman Rupp commented to a TRIBUNE reporter on the Columbian which brought his company—all bronzed and fit—from Milwaukee to La Crosse.

"But I'll tell you this," the Captain added, "I think this will but a short vacation and that we will soon be headed back down south again."

Asked why he thought the militia would again be sent to the Mexican border Captain Rupp merely ventured that in his belief the trouble with Mexico was not over.

The captain was an enthusiast over the merits of his command—Company B.

"These are soldiers that are coming back to La Crosse now," he said. "They are thoroughly trained, and the expedition served its purpose from every angle."

## Get Out Skates Kids—The Rink Is Being Flooded

"Get out your skates and get 'em into condition" was the advice radiating from the office of Park Commissioner Forrer on Thursday following the first flooding of the year. The cohorts of the water brigade started work on the Copeland park rink on the North Side on Friday morning and hope to extend their efforts to the West Avenue and Hood street rinks as soon as possible haste will permit. Everything is in readiness for the flooding, the banks are fixed, and the taps are ready for their annual labors.

How long it will be before there will be good skating does not rest with the park commission, however, the weather bureau being the judge when it comes to final results. If this cold snap should continue, La Crosse youth will be able to wipe up the nice long before Christmas.

His admirers note with pleasure that Caruso's new mustache is not large enough to act as a muffler.

## Glad Tu Meat chu

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Beef Pot Roast, per pound	12 1/2c	Veal Chops, per pound	14c
Sirloin Steak, per pound	15c, 17c	Veal Rump Roast, per pound	12 1/2c
Soup Meat, per pound	9c	Round Veal Steak, per pound	20c
Round Steak, per pound	15c	Leg Lamb, per pound	17c
Veal Roast, Leg, per pound	15c	Leg Mutton, per pound	15c
Veal Steak, per pound	17c	Pork Loin Ends, for roasting, 3 to 5 pounds, per pound	15c
Rough Pork Shoulders, 18 to 25 pounds, per pound	12 1/2c		
Boston Pork Butts, 3 to 5 pounds, per pound	16c		

Spare Ribs, Neck Bones, Pork Shanks, Brains, Beef Tenderloins, Pork Tenderloins, Dill Pickles and Sauerkraut.

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# Sport News

## FOOTBALL SEASON RAISED COACHING TO HIGHEST POINT

BY HAMILTON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The grand flourish with which football in the east came to a close elevated coaching to the highest point it ever has reached. The boys who declare that a leader gets too much credit for what he does, either in baseball, football, or other sports, will have to hold their peace with such mighty records as those turned in by Laurie Bankart, Tad Jones and Dr. Henry R. Williams, not to mention the steady plugging that has characterized Percy Haughton's work ever since he became the Harvard mentor.

Jones and Bankart, the latter the Colgate teacher of football, are given full credit for the admirable performance of their teams. Clinton R. Black, captain of the Yale team, declared after the close of the season that a better coach never stepped on to a gridiron than Tad Jones. And Colgate students are paying just the same homage to Bankart. Minnesota students always have felt sure Dr. Williams was the last word in coaching, and his showing against Wisconsin certainly vindicates the thoroughness of his work. More than one critic in the west will declare it is mighty unfortunate that Minnesota didn't get off to the start that marked the work of others.

Bankart has been a Colgate coach for a long time, and has sent many good teams into action. His victory over Brown, however, after that team had thrashed both Harvard and Yale, brought him out as a real teacher. Colgate has lost only three games in three years, two to Yale and one to Syracuse.

Bankart has been a Colgate coach ball. He develops no stars like Brickley, Mahan or some of the other gridiron wizards, but he always has eleven men who play together.

Jones is a former Yale star in baseball and football. He has been coaching smaller elevens for some time, but it was only this year that he was called from Exeter and given the job showing Eli men how to down the Houghton system.

## MITCHELL NEXT MANAGER OF CUBS OVER JOE TINKER

BY H. C. HAMILTON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The National league magnates assembled in New York for their annual meeting have promised to end it all Friday. They have instructed Gerry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfuss to be ready to weigh in at almost any old time today and in their hurry to make this meeting history, have agreed to be called to order before noon.

Just what the important matters to be considered are remains a dark secret. But Dreyfuss declared he wasn't going to leave New York until he has been given an opportunity to challenge Herrmann's right to lead the commission.

To keep the newspapermen and others who hang around National league meetings from going to sleep on the job, Charles H. Weegman confirmed the rumor Thursday night when he announced that Fred Mitchell, who has served as George Stallings' right hand man at Boston, would succeed Joe Tinker as manager of the Cubs.

Weegman made a great fight and almost succeeded in keeping the news secret, but he did not have a chance when he finally was cornered.

While Mitchell is not the man of prominence in baseball who had been expected to fill Tinker's shoes, George Stallings expressed the belief that no better man could have been obtained for the place.

In exchange for Mitchell, the Braves will get Outfielder Joe Kelly and a sum that was not given out. Kelly went to the Cubs last summer from the Indianapolis American association club, where he has been two years following his release from Pittsburgh. He also was with the White Sox at one time.

Weegman had announced before making public the deal that George Stallings or Fred Mitchell would lead the Cubs next summer and he made good this threat. The only thing that kept him from getting Stallings was \$100,000. He had a check in his pocket for that sum, but was not willing to double it.

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## A. L. DEALS BLOW TO HIGH COST OF WORLD'S SERIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The high cost of the world's series, so far as the American league is concerned, was handed a knockout by magnates of that league on their way home Friday from the annual meeting here.

Prices for games of the championship series in American league parks cannot be more than double the regular scale excepting box seats which will be \$5, the club owners ruled. Regular prices are often quadrupled for the big series.

Two big minor league questions, the abolition of the draft for class AA leagues and the establishment of an arbitration board for the minor leagues, were left in the hands of President Johnson.

Adoption of the new players contract form prepared by the national commission included the much discussed liability clause, and resolutions to enforce the rule against the writing of signed articles by players were other important actions.

The schedule committee will meet in New York early in February, Johnson announced.

## COPELAND CLUB WINS CLOSE GAME FROM SPARTANS

Playing neck and neck throughout the game, the Copeland Athletic club and the Sparta All-Stars on Thursday night staged the first independent basketball game of the season, the Copeland men nosing through with a 16 to 15 victory. The game was played on the Bethany Center floor.

The Spartans, in the rear at the end of the first half 8 to 5, spurred in the second period and came within an ace of copping the game, being stopped only by the good defense of the La Crosse men.

The lineup:  
Sparta All-Stars (15)—Sundy, lf; Lewis, rf; Millard, rg; Roberts, lg; Nicols, c.  
Copeland A. C. (16)—A. Swennes, rf; G. Gibson, lf; M. Gibson, (Capt.) lg; Marcou, rg; Ritter, c; Lockman, lf.

## SCHEDULE FOR SOUTH CONFERENCE IS ANNOUNCED

WHITEWATER, Wis., Dec. 15.—The basketball schedule of teams in the southern division of the normal conference was given out here Friday by Secretary W. E. Schreiber of the conference as follows:

January 17—Milwaukee at White-water.  
January 19—Platteville at White-water.  
January 20—Whitewater at Oshkosh.  
January 26—Platteville at La Crosse.  
January 26—Oshkosh at Milwaukee.  
January 27—Oshkosh at White-water.  
February 3—Oshkosh at Platteville.  
February 8—Whitewater at Milwaukee.  
February 9—Whitewater at La Crosse.  
February 10—Milwaukee at Platteville.  
February 15—La Crosse at White-water.  
February 16—Milwaukee at Oshkosh.  
February 16—La Crosse at Platteville.  
February 16—Platteville at Milwaukee.  
February 23—Milwaukee at La Crosse.  
February 23—Platteville at Oshkosh.  
March 2—Whitewater at Platteville.  
March 2—La Crosse at Milwaukee.  
March 3—La Crosse at Oshkosh.

## BOWLING

K. OF C. LEAGUE Standings			
Hennepins	20	1	.952
Magellans	20	8	.714
Marquettes	12	9	.571
Balboas	5	10	.333
La Salles	6	15	.286
De Sotos	4	17	.190

Marquettes			
Handicap	35	35	35
A. J. Miller	166	175	166
F. J. Guenther	148	157	169
F. J. Goshay	155	18	161
C. B. Miller	200	160	142
Low Score	129	102	157

Totals			
Handicap	30	30	30
John Barney	157	135	169
J. Weisenberger	194	199	229
V. Roth	129	102	157
J. Malloy	229	174	175
Geo. Hackner	162	165	166

## GEYER BEATS TATE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Jack Geyer, Denver heavyweight, was given the decision over Harry Tate in the ninth round of scheduled twelve round bout here Thursday night.

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Cardigan Jackets—\$2.50 to \$6

Suspenders in Holiday Boxes—50c to \$1.50

Suspender and Garter Sets—50c to \$1.50

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Travel Bags—\$1.50 to \$18

Suit Cases—\$1 to \$12.50

Collar Bags—75c to \$1

Umbrellas and Canes—\$1 to \$5

Cuff Links—25c to \$2.50

Scarf Pins—25c to \$3

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## ZULU KID HAS BIG CHANCE AGAINST CHAMPION WILDE

BY J. W. PEGLER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Nov. 18.—(By Mail.)—Fortune's hand is on the spikot, ready to turn on a golden stream for Young Zulu Kid, who is scheduled to fight Jimmy Wilde for the world's fly-weight championship in London December 18.

If Zulu can flatten the Tylertown Terror there will be lucrative matches galore awaiting the Brooklyn Wop-African. If he can't turn the trick and takes a header himself, he will return home enriched by several strings of wampum and the enlightenment of a trip abroad.

The conqueror of Jimmy Wilde will find the British boxing public a lavish patron. Just now none of the home-grown partisans believe Zulu or any other flyweight can topple their idol. A draw would open Zulu's way to a campaign of bulky profits and the inevitable return match to a finish with Wilde.

Jimmy insisted on elaborate stipulations for the three-minute round

when he signed on the dotted line for the Zulu match.

"I boxed a dub a long time ago," he said, "and the timekeeper walloped the old dish-pan every two minutes. Every time I had my man on the verge of the big dive, 'bang!' went the dinner-gong and he got a rest. Never again for me. Three minutes is just the right space in which to hang on the finishing touch and get in the full count."

The Welsh harp hasn't been boxing much of late. He keeps in condition by a regular course of calisthenic stunts and spars for exercise, however, and does not believe it will be necessary to grind himself into shape for the Zulu fight.

Wilde is a good golfer and spends the annual sunny afternoon on the links near London. He is still waiting to play this year's round.

Jeff Smith, the Jersey middle-weight, started his fall campaign like a whirlwind. Three knockouts in a row is Smith's record to date, his victims being Herman Miller, Joe Herrick and Kid Henry.

Johnny Kilbane has signed for a New Year's day bout with Freddie Welsh at 133 pounds ringside, but as Welsh has always refused to meet Kilbane at that weight there appears to be little probability of the bout taking place.

## ALL-AMERICANS PROSPER DESPITE WARNINGS BY BAN

BY HAMILTON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Ban Johnson's warnings are of two different kinds—the kind he issues with much calmness and deliberation to make his magnates hop around, and the kind he issues with much waving of arms, loud snorting and ineffectiveness.

The latter are much more prominent because they are emitted with solemn consequences, promised to ball players, and further because ball players usually take on long glances, turn loose a well chosen chuckle and—proceed to do as they please.

Forceful demonstration of this is brought home in a news item carried in the columns of a San Francisco newspaper, chronicling the tale of the victory of the "All-Americans" and a baseball team in Hawaii.

And the brazenness of the thing was that the box score showed the names of Harold Janvin, the Red Sox second baseman, and Joe Jack-

son of the White Sox, big as life. In fact, Jackson contributed to the afternoon with three solid whacks. Incidentally one Louis Guisto, lately a member of the Cleveland American league club, also was among those present.

It will be recalled with little difficulty by the baseball fans that Ban Johnson issued a statement just after the close of the baseball season promising dire things to any American league player who would dare start on a barn-storming tour. The statement followed the performance in an exhibition game of several Red Sox players.

It all goes to show that in a baseball player's life there is considerable enthusiasm for the winter growth of baseball dollars, and considerable disrespect for the solemn utterings of a league president. Johnson's ability to czar around the American league might be put to a test with a heavy fine and suspensions being plastered onto the three offenders.

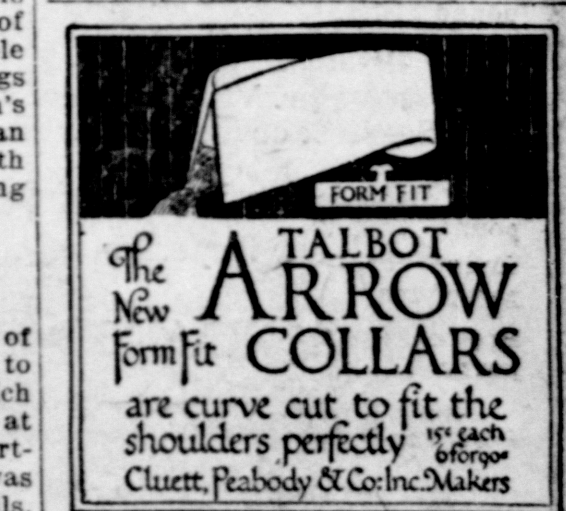
## BICYCLE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A field of fourteen teams has been selected to start the six day bicycle race which will begin at midnight Sunday at Madison Square Garden. The starters were cut to this number, it was stated, to eliminate danger of spills.

## HANDICAP MEET ANTICIPATED BY LOCAL BOWLERS

Bowling enthusiasts of La Crosse are turning their attention to city handicap tournament to be conducted at the Lotus alleys December 25 to 30, open to all.

Handicaps will be arranged so that all bowlers will have an equal chance at high honors. It is hoped to line up La Crosse material in that meet for the larger tournaments to come.



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## WEDDING IS HELD AT BRIDE'S HOME IN NORTH FREEDOM

NORTH FREEDOM, Wis.—(Special.)—Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Finger of the town of Freedom, Tuesday evening, at 5 o'clock, Miss Hildegard Finger to Carl Schellenberger of the town of Baraboo. Rev. Maulwurf of the Leland Lutheran church officiated. Miss Amelia Finger and Hollis Bassett attended them.

A wedding supper was served to

about thirty guests. Mr. and Mrs. Schellenberger will make their home on the former's farm in the town of Baraboo.

### Attend Funeral

Mrs. John Wiggins and daughter, Mrs. C. McKay of Vancouver, Wash., went to Baraboo Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wiggins' brother, Volney Moore, who died in Chicago Sunday morning. Mr. Moore had spent nearly all his life in Baraboo but went with his wife to Chicago a few years ago to make his home with their daughter, Mrs. Iva Ray. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Third Wisconsin cavalry.

The funeral was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hofstetter, the

latter being a niece of the deceased.

### Pastor Installed

Rev. J. Freund of Humboldt, Wis., who was recently called to St. John's Lutheran church in this village, was installed last Sunday by Rev. Mueller of Baraboo. Rev. Freund spoke in the Lutheran church in Baraboo Sunday evening and next Sunday will preach his introductory sermon here.

### Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Ellis started Tuesday for California, where they will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Raymond Sherwood. Rev. Christian Dimpel filled the pulpit in the German Baptist church in Mauston last Sunday. Miss Seils, for years a missionary in Philadelphia, spoke in the German Baptist church here.

The two children of Courtland Hackett in Westfield have scarlet fever and the family and William Hackett's family are under quarantine.

E. P. M. Fetridge of Baraboo entertained a party of his townspeople at the Hotel Trumble Sunday evening.

Miss Irene Culbertson of Madison was a week-end guest of her brother, Ray Culbertson, and family.

Mrs. Palma Amberson of Rapid City, S. D., was a recent visitor at the A. A. Johnson home.

Charles Rick is a patient in the General hospital in Madison, where he recently underwent an operation.

A. R. Knapp, who fell at the lumber yard last week, fracturing his ribs, is again on duty in the H. M. Johnson Lumber office.

Mrs. Herman Koester went to Reedsburg Sunday to attend the funeral of Dr. Churchill, who died Friday of congestion of the lungs.

### Died

Marie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Drescher, died Tuesday morning of cholera infantum. She had been sick but a short time. The funeral was held from the Catholic church in Baraboo Thursday morning. The little child would have been a year old Christmas day.

### School Fairs

Throughout Sauk county school fairs are being held in the school houses and much enthusiasm is manifested.

There has been a good attendance at these and much good work accomplished.

Some have been in the evening and some in the daytime, and one in the town of Reedsburg was November 29, with a Thanksgiving dinner in connection. Prof. W. E. Smith of the county training school was in attendance. County Superintendent Davis, and supervisory teachers, Misses Lillian Andrews and Essie Brooks, have been in attendance at many of these.

### Acid for Ink Stains.

Ink stains in a carpet, if of long duration, must be treated with oxalic acid.

## MAYOR VAUDELL AND COMMITTEE GREET TOMAH GUARDMEN

New Lisbon Cheers Members of  
Company K as Their Train  
Passes Through New  
Lisbon

NEW LISBON, Wis.—(Special.)—Mayor Vaudell and others were here to meet the Tomah soldiers Thursday afternoon.

The returning Wausau soldiers were here between trains yesterday.

Miss Barbara Fox went to Mauston Thursday evening to attend the soldiers' homecoming. The volunteer fire department was called out Thursday to extinguish a blaze in the Charlie Price home. Water and smoke did considerable damage.

R. A. Cornwell, representing the Zeigler company of Milwaukee, is here to spend the holidays with his family.

Mrs. Ella Meredith entertained at a 12 o'clock dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. H. Otten of Milwaukee. Mrs. Otten was formerly Miss Sofia Hocksmith.

Miss Mildred Ryder will spend the holidays at her home in Baldwin, Wis.

Attorney J. J. Hughes, Henry Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mortenson attended the formal opening of the new Necedah bank Thursday.

The Lady Macabees held their regular review in K. P. hall Wednesday. Members who were not present kindly leave their usual contribution for the county farm patients' Christmas with Mrs. Oertel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, who have had rooms in the Charles Thompson house, have rented the Lewis Wilcox house.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacob have returned from their wedding trip.

Mrs. M. B. Heath is looking forward to the homecoming of all of her children next week. Fred from Kansas City, Mo.; Harvey from Missoula, Mont.; Clarence and Mrs. Blakeslee from Milwaukee, and Miss Inez Heath from Burlington, Wis.

E. A. Carcutt and family are occupying the Otto Eberhart house on Adams street.

Miss Carrie Leicht went to Colfax Friday, where she will be the guest of her brother, Dan Leicht.

Mrs. Otto Gebhart went to Milwaukee yesterday.

Mrs. Chris Mauritz, son and little daughter Elizabeth are visiting in Winnet, Minn.

Carl Bierbauer is visiting in Milwaukee.

Mr. Ed Fisher of Mauston was a caller here Thursday.

"To act with a purpose is what raises man above the brutes."—Lessing.

## NAMING OF ALLIES' TERMS GAINS FAVOR WITH THE BRITISH

Plan Received Better Than That of Flatly Rejecting the German Proposals for Peace

### SEE ADVANTAGE IN PLAN

Britain Argues Entente Has Opportunity to Present to German People Summary of Allied Aims

BY ED L. KEEN  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A steady increase in sentiment that the allies in refusing German peace plans should set forth their own terms of peace, was manifest here Friday. Notwithstanding the continued illness of Premier Lloyd George, it is known that the allies, through the foreign office, have already begun an informal exchange of views on Von Bethmann-Hollweg's proposals.

There are three views entertained as to the course which the allies should adopt in answering the German note, based on the realization that the entente powers must carefully avoid the pitfalls of the Teutonic nations. Three plans are:

First—A blunt rejection of the note. The advocates of this course are convinced that this will be the only way in which to prevent the situation being maneuvered to advantage by Germany. Opponents of the plan hold, on the other hand, that it would be a serious mistake not to meet the issues raised by Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Second—That Germany name her terms on the assumption that these terms yet to be made known officially may really be worth considering, and might be considered without damage to allied prestige.

Third—That the allies do not ask Germany's terms, but detail their own sentiments as to peace; their terms and conditions.

Suggestions made in the press of neutral nations and particularly development of such an idea in the United States has aided in developing sentiment for this third course. Moreover, it is seen by news from Germany that the government did not expect a favorable response to its proffer; therefore England regards the main purpose of Von Bethmann-Hollweg's proposals as manifestly two-fold, to impress neutrals and the German public. Advocates of the policy of the allies listing their terms argue that in such a situation as presented now, the entente nations have a splendid opportunity to put before the outside world as well as the people of Germany—whom they have always believed generally ignorant of the real issues of the war—a clear cut, definite, united pronouncement of the allies' aims and purposes.

There was every indication Friday that the allies will adopt this course. It is fully expected that Lloyd George will be sufficiently recovered from his illness on Tuesday to give in his speech before the house of commons a more or less positive statement of the allies' position.

The allies have made known in semi-official statements their rejection of German-made peace at this stage and Friday their armies in the field were backing up that refusal by force of arms.

Statements from the east indicated winter has caused no let-up in Russia's offense in the Carpathians. Nor has there been any diminution of the

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Hamburger, per pound	14c	Veal Stew, per pound	12½c
Pork Chops, per pound	17c	Lamb Chops, per pound	16c
Pork Roast, per pound	16c	Leg Lamb, per pound	17c
Pork Sausage, per pound	14c	Lamb Stew, per pound	11c
For Saturday only, nice Yellow Peaches, per can 10c; 3 for			
Canned Corn, Peas, and String Beans, per can 10c; 3 for			
Sugar Cured Smoked Hams, half or whole ham, per pound			

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## CREW TAKEN FROM STRANDED DIVER; MAY RELEASE BOAT

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 15.—Plans to drag the United States submarine H-3 out of the breakers where she has been rolling and pitching for 24 hours were rushed to completion by Lieut. Commander William B. Howe, following the rescue of the twenty-eight members of the crew through the medium of a breeches buoy.

In response to a request sent to the Mare Island navy yard for a vessel with gear for handling the submarine, the coast guard ship McCulloch came here Friday with a large force of men prepared to expedite the work.

The two officers and twenty-six men were taken off just before nightfall Thursday. They all were suffering Friday from severe bruises and some with broken hands.

From the stories told by them, it was clear that the submarine lost its way in the dense fog and drifted into the breakers when its engines developed trouble.

The engines went out of commission when the craft struck the beach. This left the craft entirely helpless. For hours she lurched about wildly at the mercy of the waves. Several times the conning tower was wholly submerged, so sharp was the angle at which she reeled.

### A Lost Art.

Eating is said to be a lost art in America. Were it said that getting something to eat is a difficult art, it wouldn't be far wrong.

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### COTTON CONSUMPTION GROWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumed in the United States during November (exclusive of linters) amounted to 584,082 running bales, against 514,743 November last, according to the census bureau Thursday.

### His Longer Experience.

"You haven't any serious or organic trouble," said the young physician, cheerfully. "You're a little nervous and run down, that's all. Take more exercise, eat less and forget your troubles." The hypochondriac snorted. "Young man," he demanded, his voice shaking, "how long have you been a doctor?" "I took my degree three years ago," answered the medico. "And I am an invalid of twenty-five years' experience. Who are you to disagree with me?"

### A Manager's Opinion.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," "I don't believe it. No violinist would consent to appear on the same program with a pyrotechnic display."

### Sometimes.

At the time of his marriage a man thinks he is getting a better half, later he may discover that he got a counterfeiter.

### 'PHONE OPERATOR HEROINE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Helen Eviston, telephone operator, is the heroine of the fire that threatened the lives of 200 girls at the Oriental Candy factory at 1858 West Austin avenue, here Friday. She stuck to the switchboard until all employees were notified of the fire. The building is a five-story structure.

### A Cold Bath for Reins.

If reins are washed in cold water before putting them through the chopper, they will come out in much better condition for use.

### Truly Said.

The husband who talks loudest for military preparedness frequently does the least towards household preparedness.

### Sawed-Off Sermon.

Beware of the man who smiles when he is angry; he's dangerous. And beware of the man who looks glum when he's glad; he is probably a humorist.

### Sometimes.

"Pop, tell me one thing." "What is it, my son?" "Is it the sea of troubles you hear about that they float loans on?"

## Weather Conditions

here have nothing to do with OUR gardens. Our Vegetables and Fruits of every variety arrived this morning. Have you purchased your supply of Nuts for the Holidays? We have the finest grown. A fancy line of Evaporated Pears, Peaches, Apricots and Prunes arrived yesterday.

Don't forget our Delicatessen Department. Holly, Holly Wreaths, Mistletoe and Wreathing.

**The City Grocery Co.**  
Quality and Service.

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## RUMANIAN CITY OF BUZAU REPORTED TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Berlin Statement Says Teutonic Forces Do Not Give the Retreating Armies a Chance to Rest

### TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Ninth Army Reported Taking Four Thousand Captives; the Russians Burn Wallachian Villages

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Retirement of the Russo-Rumanian forces from Buzau because of pressure and a corresponding retirement around Jalomitza was announced in Friday's official statement.

Two enemy attacks east of Koniki made under cover of darkness and in a fog were detailed in the official statement. In one of these Russian defenders compelled the enemy's retirement to first line trenches in the neighborhood; in the other the Teutons took cover in front of entanglements.

### Berlin Claims Buzau

BERLIN, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 15.—Buzau has been captured by the German forces, Friday's statement declared.

"Under the most unfavorable weather conditions," the statement said, "the allied troops rival each other in the plan not to let the enemy rest on the march. On the mountains the enemy offered resistance in forefield positions, but were pierced."

"Buzau was captured. The Ninth army reported four thousand prisoners as captured yesterday and day before yesterday. Near Fetesti strong Bulgarian forces crossed the Danube."

Russians forces retreating in Rumania left burning villages through great Wallachia the statement reported.

### Vain Attacks Off Meuse

Three vain attacks by French forces on the west bank of the Meuse were reported in the Statement. The assaults were directed against German forces a short time ago.

On the east bank of the Meuse, the French also repeatedly launched attacks, preceded by a strong artillery preparation which extended far into the terrain behind the lines.

Further "storming waves" failed on the Pepper ridge. Development of an attack on the south slopes before Fort Hardamont was made impossible by the Germans destructive fire.

### Say Russ Get Foothold

"On one height the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing," said the statement describing the Russian offensive in the Carpathians.

The attacks on the Transylvanian fronts failed, as on preceding days.

### "Bought and Paid For"

A chemistry professor at the University of Kansas tells this story of a seedy looking man who stole noisily into a chemist's office and closed the door softly behind him.

"Kin anybody hear what I say in here?" he asked anxiously. "Not a soul," the chemist assured him.

Whereupon the man produced a package, carefully wrapped, and handed it to the chemist, with the query: "What is this stuff, anyway?"

After examining the contents the chemist replied: "Why, that is iron pyrites, commonly known a fool's gold."

"What's it worth?" asked the seedy fellow. "Oh, about \$4 a ton in carload lots."

"Just my luck," exclaimed the questioner. "Blest if I ain't the biggest fool in the world. I found a lot of that stuff on a widder's farm an' went an' married the widder."—New York Globe.

### Utilizing Fish Waste.

Nearly 120,000 tons of valuable stock and poultry food high in protein can be produced annually from the wastes of the salmon and sardine packing industries, and of the menhaden fish oil and fish scrap factories on the coasts. This is exclusive of additional wastes from the tuna packing companies and does not include a large additional tonnage of valuable stock food that could be made from dogfish, now the bane of the market fisherman. This statement is made in United States department of agriculture Professional Paper No. 378, Fish Meal: Its Use as a Stock and Poultry Food, which was issued jointly by the bureau of chemistry and animal industry after they had completed experiments in making a stock feed from fish waste and had tested it at the government farm at Beltsville, Md., as a food for dairy cattle, pigs and chickens.

### Flower of Ill Repute.

Those who have tried it declare that the petals of snowdrops, dried and crushed to powder, make a fragrant and exhilarating snuff. However, some who fill their pipes with all kinds of weeds as substitutes for tobacco, might not care to hand round a box filled with snowdrop snuff. In many rural parts of England the snowdrop is a flower of ill repute. It is unlucky to carry the first spray of the season into the house, and it is a barbarous act to offer snowdrops to any one of the opposite sex. Such a gift is supposed to imply a wish for the death of the recipient.

### The Search After Truth.

There is no fit search after truth which does not, first of all, begin to live the truth which it knows.—Horse Bushnell.

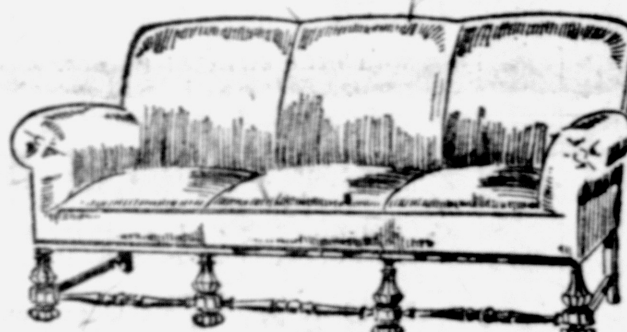


## TOYS!—TOYTOWN—TOYS!

When you see your Christmas Tree with its air of mystery, the secret spiriting in of strange parcels, bringing joy and interest to parents as well as to the children, there's a lasting and happy remembrance if the gifts are practical and durable. At GANTERT'S you'll find suitable gifts for each member of the family. We urge you to see these goods. You need not buy, but you will.



See our show window display of Lamps, new patterns, new finishes—  
At \$5.50 to \$20.00



Davenport — With or without bed attachment in all finishes and covered in genuine leather, Boston leather, velour and tapestry—  
At \$18.50 to \$85.00

Tea Trays—Genuine mahogany—\$1.45, \$2.45, \$4.50, \$5, \$6

Solid Mahogany Candlesticks 35c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 each

Mahogany Tray Tea Wagons—Tilting tops—\$10, \$12, \$15.

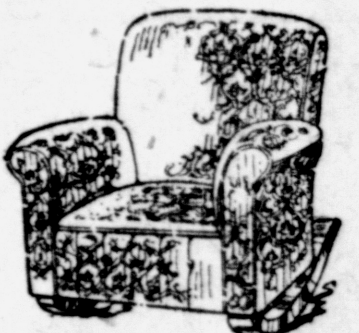
Telephone Tables—Oak—\$2.25 to \$10

Smokers Stands—Oak—\$2.50 to \$6

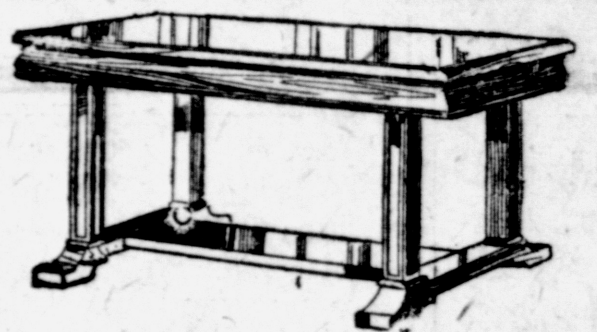
Mahogany, \$5 to \$10.

Book Blocks Oak \$2.00 Mahogany \$3

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Tapestry Rockers and genuine Leather Rockers—  
At \$14.50 to \$65.00



Library Tables—All designs, finished brown mahogany, golden oak and fumed oak—  
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### MANY ATTEND LECTURE COURSE HELD AT HOLMEN

HOLMEN, Wis.—(Special.)—A large audience attended the third number of the lecture course Tuesday evening. Owing to the illness of Mr. Lanham, Mr. Stump spoke in his place. He gave his audience a fine lecture.

### Local and Personal

Charles Anderson is confined at one of the La Crosse hospitals. John A. Daglum of Daglum, N. D., who has been visiting with friends and relatives around here has returned to his home.

The funeral services of Ole Bye were conducted at the Holmen church Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14.

The Young People's society will meet in the church parlors Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Liebakken left Holmen Wednesday for their future home near Whitehall.

The local stores have decorated for the Christmas season.

A. O. Casberg made a business trip to La Crosse Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Praterberg of

### FOR A BAD COUGH

Here is a fine old-fashioned recipe for coughs, colds or croup. It has been used for many years with great success. Get from your druggist 1 oz. of Peppermint (Double Strength) and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and 4 oz. of granulated sugar. Take one tablespoonful 4 times a day.

No more racking your whole body with a cough. Clogged nostrils should open, air passages of your head clear up so you can breathe freely. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has a stubborn cough, or hard cold or croup in any form should give this prescription a trial.

### La Crosse attended the funeral of Ole Bye Thursday.

The Progressive association will give a dance Saturday, Dec. 16. Gabels of La Crosse will furnish the music.

### Inflammation of the Mouth.

An acute catarrhal inflammation of the mouth occurs frequently from mechanical thermic or chemical irritation. It is a frequent accompaniment of specific fevers and wasting diseases. In children it is commonly seen in association with digestive disturbances, the result of improper food or faulty hygiene, especially of the mouth. They are restless and disinclined to nurse. The temperature is slightly elevated, the breath is fetid and the mucous membrane of the mouth is red and swollen. The treatment consists in removal of the cause and of the mother's nipples, or of artificial nipples, if these be used, is imperative. The mother's nipples should be washed with boric acid water after each nursing. Bottle nipples should be turned nursing side out and scrubbed (with a brush kept for this purpose), with boric acid water, then rinsed in clean boric acid water and then put to soak in clean, cold water which has been boiled) until it is to be used. The mouth must be kept clean by frequent washing with boric acid water and glycerin mixture. 20 grains of boric acid and one teaspoonful of glycerin and eight teaspoonfuls of boiled water, mixed together. If there is constipation or diarrheal milky magesia may be given to correct this trouble.

### MICKELSON WINS

WESTBY, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. M. Mickelson of this city won the distinction of romping away with first honors from District number five for his brand of creamery butter at the Butter-makers' convention held at Sparta. The winner of

the first prize is one of the prominent members of the Westby Co-operative Creamery company which enjoys a wide business in this part of the country.

### Getting Back at Him

Politician—I have nothing to say. All I know is what is in the papers. Reporter—I see now what you meant yesterday when you said there is nothing in the papers nowadays.

### Why Thick Glasses Break Easily.

Thin glasses do not crack so easily as thick glasses when you pour hot water into them. This is because the heat penetrates the thin glass so quickly as to heat all parts of it equally, and they hold together in the expansion which occurs. When hot water is poured into a thick glass the particles forming the inside of the glass begin to expand before the heat has penetrated to the outside of the glass, and in the effort to expand the inside particles of the glass break away from the particles of the outer side, thereby causing the crack.

### Had Faith in His Parachute.

To prove the safety and value of his parachute, a French inventor dropped 1,000 feet with it from an aeroplane.

### NORMAL STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE BUT TEN DAYS AT HOME

The shortest Christmas vacation in years is to be given to the normal student body this season. Whereas the recesses of other years provided for at least two weeks of recreation, the calendar for 1916 allows but ten days. This schedule was verified by the announcement of Vice-president E. D. Long on Thursday morning. School will close for the Christmas season at 4:05 on Friday, December 22 and will resume the second day of the new year. This short vacation period applies to all but the students of the country school course. It has been arranged to have the students of this course go visiting on Thursday and Friday of next week, when the teachers-to-be will go out to see how things are done in the actual world of pedagogy.

### KILLED BY DYNAMITE CAPS

DEERFIELD, Wis., Dec. 15.—While blasting stumps on his farm near here, Robert Eggnew of Marshall, dropped some explosive caps and was instantly killed his right arm being torn off and his head badly cut.

## "The Playground of Life"

AN ADDRESS TO MEN BY

**ARNOLD BENNETT HALL**  
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Saturday  
6:30 to 9

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Nickie to  
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A WOOL dress pattern, a silk waist pattern, or a suit pattern of fine black goods. Our stocks are vastly complete with every wanted weave that Christmas time demands. Look this remarkable list over. Every purchase neatly boxed in one of our attractive holly boxes for gift giving.

Silk Crepe de Chines, 36 to 40 inches wide, all leading colors and black, yard \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
Crepe Sublime Taffeta, 40 inches wide, white and evening colors, at per yard \$2.00  
Pussy Willow Taffeta, 40 inches wide, the indestructible silk, yard \$2.50  
The New Paisley Silks, 36 inches wide, regular old fashioned paisley shawl designs, yard \$1.50  
Stylish Kimono Silks, 27 inches wide, large printed floral designs, yard 79c  
Ideal Silk Poppins, 24 inches wide, fine for mufflers, waists and dresses, yard 48c  
Satin Stripe Tub Silks, 32 inches wide, white grounds, with colored stripes, at per yard \$1.25  
Belding's Tearless Satins, 36 inches wide, used for dresses, waists and petticoats, yard \$1.25  
Fine French Serges, 42 inches wide, staple street colors and black, yard \$1.00  
All Wool Storm Serges, 52 inches wide, colors and black, sponged and shrunk, yard \$1.25

Black Wool French Serge, 54 inches wide, extra special value, jet black, at per yard \$1.50  
Printed Wool Challies, 27 inches wide, light and dark colored grounds, yard 65c  
Famous Wool Batiste, 40 inches wide, full line of street and evening shades, at per yard 85c  
New French Serge Plaids, 48 inches wide, many smart styles for your choosing, at per yard \$1.25  
Black Chiffon Broadcloths, 54 inches wide, rich, brilliant blacks, water spot proof, yard \$2.50 and \$3.00.  
Mole Silk Plush Coating, 50 inches wide, popular for muffs, collars and throws, yard \$10.00  
Splendid line of Madras Waistings, white grounds with colored and black stripes, 32 inches wide, price per yard 25c, 35c and 50c.  
JANUARY HOME BOOK OF FASHIONS now on sale 25c  
Each book has a 15c coupon, entitling the purchaser to a 15c pattern. Buy your copy Saturday. On sale at Pattern Counter.

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heaped  
with odds  
and ends  
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## Holiday Millinery Specials



100 TRIMMED HATS

All new goods and up-to-date styles, values to \$8.50, Saturday at---

\$1.95

Untrimmed Hats Our entire stock of Velvet and Plush Untrimmed Hats 95c and \$1.95 values to \$7.50, Saturday.

CAP AND SCARF SETS Of knitted wool, all white and assorted colors. Saturday at \$1 to \$4.95  
CHILDREN'S HAT SPECIALS Every one of our Children's Hats must go. Trimmed and Untrimmed all marked special for Saturday at 50c and \$1.00

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## Saturday Gold Fish Display Floral Dept.

Goldfish make an excellent Christmas gift for children or grown folks. Many cold winter hours can be spent watching the finny creatures swim about in their aquarium.

We have goldfish in all sizes and varieties, such as: German (or common), Japanese and Chinese Fantails, Ribbontails, Cornets, Telescopes, also snails, tadpoles and water-lizards. Also full line of Christmas Baskets, Wreaths and Cut Flowers.

## Our Corset Dept. Assists With Suggestions

We are carrying a special assortment of Brassieres for Christmas, some in Christmas boxes. Our assortment is exceptionally pretty and attractive; each garment made of a fine cambric, trimmed with handsome lace, forming V shaped yoke front and back, band of lace at waist line giving the garment additional finish. An exceptionally good fitting brassiere, at but 59c and up.

We carry a complete assortment of Bust Ruffles, Bust Forms, Sanitary Aprons, Sanitary Belts, Children's Underwaists and Baby Rubber Pants, sold at 25c and up.

We will help you to determine the size, which if not correct may be exchanged after Christmas.

## Our Week End Grocery Specials

ORANGES 176 size heavy Florida fruit, special 6 for 10c  
GRAPE FRUIT 54 size, bright fruit, full of juice, 3 for 25c, each 9c  
PORK AND BEANS Union Brand Pork and Beans in tomato sauce, No. 2 can 10c

ASPARAGUS Hillsdale or Monson brand white or green tips, No. 1 can 12 1/2c  
COFFEE Old Master Brand, the highest grade of coffee packed by Bour & Co., 40c value, at 33c  
Grocery Dept. in Basement

Fresh Baked Ginger Snaps, 4 pounds for 25c, per pound 7c  
SOAP Bob White Laundry Soap, 7 bars for 25c Delivered with other groceries  
SALMON Plymouth Rock Brand Salmon, No. 1 tall can, medium red fish, each 15c

## SALEM WHISTLES REND SKY WHEN SEVEN COME BACK

Village Turns Out En Masse to Greet the Delegation Home from the Border

Perhaps no village or city in Wisconsin sent a smaller representation to the Mexican border when the "boys" entrained for the south last June than the village of West Salem, and it is probable that none of the returning Wisconsin troops were given a warmer reception or a heartier welcome.

When the Milwaukee passenger train carrying La Crosse guardsmen and a small West Salem contingent neared West Salem, the noise commenced. The village reminded one of a city, for at least a dozen steam whistles—so it sounded—broke loose and the din continued until the train pulled out of ear shot.

The West Salem soldiers were H.L. Wilcox and H. B. Wilcox, brothers, who are members of Company B, of La Crosse, and Ole Amilson, Dr. Len Gullickson, D. W. Nichols, Lyle Twining and Conrad Bechtold, members of the Third Wisconsin regimental band.

Through a series of flukes on the part of Milwaukee railroad officials, who until the very minute of arrival of the boys, had given out the word that the Salem soldiers would arrive on a mythical "second section," which, according to the railroad officials, was also to bring Company M of La Crosse, the village was not preparing to welcome the returning guardsmen until 8:30 or 9 o'clock in the evening.

W. L. Wilcox of Houghton, Mich., brother of the two Wilcox boys, learned that they were aboard the train as it pulled into Sparta. He quickly made arrangements to have the village authorities notified.

Within a few minutes the village was astir. In spite of the intense cold—the mercury dropped to about eight below—at least half of the population of the village surrounded the station platform.

## Sport Chatter

Gilmour Dobie, the University of Washington football coach, has made an enviable record in gridiron tutoring. He has turned out a championship team each year for the past nine years.

Augie Kleckhefer, a little left-handed cuss who represents Rockford in the Inter-state Three-Cushion Billiard league, is keeping his slate clean in the championship race, having won nine straight games.

Rumors of an intention on the part of Jack Dillon to retire from the boxing game have been strengthened by the report that the Hoosier Bearcat has bought a cafe in Indianapolis.

Johnny Jackson, the clever Cuban bantamweight, has returned to Boston after an absence of seven years in the Philippines. He is anxious to hook up with an fighter who will come in at the 120-pound mark.

Oscar Matheson, the Norwegian who holds the world's ice skating championship, is to tour this country meeting all comers in speed contests. Matheson recently entered the professional ranks after making all his world's records as an amateur.

How Illinois managed to defeat Minnesota and in so doing eliminated the Gophers in the race for the western football championship, is a question that will forever remain unsolved in the minds of the gridiron critics.

Should Jimmy Johnston, the New York boxing manager, lose out in the contest for control of Madison Square Garden, he will still have three good meal tickets in Ted Lewis, Tom Cowler, Joe Weiling.

No coach has yet been selected for the Yale or Dartmouth hockey teams. Fred Roque is a candidate for the Yale job at New Haven, and Fred Foote is mentioned as the most likely choice at Dartmouth.

Johnny Coulon, ex-champion bantam, has mapped out a strenuous campaign to make good his comeback. Johnny figures he is able to more than hold his own against Johnny Ertle, Pete Herman and Kid Williams and then take on Jimmie Wilde in London for the world's title.

The fine gridiron work of Howard Berry during the season just closed has set at rest rumors that the Penn star lacked gameness.

Friends of Manager Bill Clymer, of the Louisville American Association champions, declare the major leagues are overlooking a great pilot when they fail to sign up the Louisville boss.

The idea of matching a middle-weight of a light heavy to fight Jess Willard for the championship has died aborning. Fred Fulton is the only boxer who approaches Jess in size and weight and in the opinion of the wise ones he is the only logical candidate for a clash with the champion.

Pitcher Tom Hughes of the Braves enlivened the 1916 season with two brilliant stunts. He made a world's record when he pitched 15 2-3 innings without permitting a hit, and in addition he pitched the only no-hit no-run game of the season in the National league.

### One-Sided Plan.

"There's really no necessity for man and wife to quarrel," said Mrs. Patter. "We never have any words in the house. When I feel tired and irritable, I wear a cardinal-colored ribbon, and then Mr. Patter lets me have my own way, and I treat him just the same as usual." "Oh-h-h!" exclaimed her friend. "I wondered why you'd been wearing red so much lately. That explains it!"

## WISCONSIN MAKES SPLENDID RECORD SAYS LT. ROWLEY

Some of Other Militia Inefficiency Personified Says Hospital Officer

"Wisconsin can be proud of her soldiers," said Lieutenant B. B. Rowley of the sanitary detachment, to a TRIBUNE reporter who accompanied the troops from Sparta to La Crosse on Thursday night.

"As for some of the militia from other states, I am ashamed of them. Many of them were inefficiency personified, although they learned a great deal in Texas."

Lieutenant Rowley held a little black puppy in his arms. The dog's name is "Tony," named after San Antonio, where the soldiers purchased him.

"Tony," who comes of an aristocratic family of cocker spaniels, barked and displayed much enthusiasm as the train neared La Crosse. Whether he knew he was about to get acquainted with a new home, or whether he barked simply because there was a marked bustle in his coach, the lieutenant was not sure.

## With the Boxers

Ted Lewis says the Cleveland promoters will have to raise the ante if he signs for a return bout with Johnny Griffiths.

Billy Miske seems to be in bad in New York, due to his failure to show up for scheduled bout with Tom Cowler.

Colonel Reiser is all het up over the refusal of Johnny Ertle and Kid Williams to meet his protegee, Johnny Solsberg, the New York bantam.

Tommy Robson, the New York welterweight who has been making a fine showing of late, is now hot on the trail of Jack Britton and Ted Lewis.

The Armory A. A. of Boston will stage its winter boxing shows at the Grand Opera house in the Hub. The Arena, former home of the association, is to be given over to ice skating.

According to "Big Babe" White, the Syracuse football player, there is nothing to the report that he intends to enter the boxing game and challenge Jess Willard.

Just to show how easy it is to claim a championship Jimmy Johnston, the New York boxing manager, asserts that Joe Weiling is the honest-to-goodness lightweight champion.

Last July Young Britt, New Bedford's sensational scrapper, was working in a mill for \$9.60 a week. His earnings in the ring since July 21, when he started his long list of victories, amount to \$7,000.

A Jess Willard-George Carpenter bout would mean that Fred Fulton would have to wait a while longer to clinch a clash with the champion. And Fred has been canceling bouts in order to be first in line to tackle Jess.

Seems to be the open season for oldtimers to try a "come-back." Johnny Coulon and Abe Attel had no sooner announced their intention to re-enter the game than Dave Deshler, the former crack New England lightie, evinced a desire to again don the padded mitts.

Joe Herrick, who lost to Jeff Smith in Milwaukee and then went to Winnipeg and battled 10 hard rounds with Tommy Gibbons, has just discovered that he has been suffering from a broken rib for some time and did not know it.

It seems that Johnny O'Leary has new troubles to worry over. His manager, Darby Kelley, who was also his partner in a Buffalo cafe, is said to have cleaned out the place and left town. Besides being all done, O'Leary is now flat broke.

Gene Malady, the well known Omaha sports promoter, is heading a strong movement to have the incoming Nebraska legislature pass a bill to legalize boxing in that state. Conversations with some of the lawmakers have given the campaigners a hope that they will succeed.

### Diseases of Plants.

Parasitic diseases affect plants as well as animals, but the problems of immunity of plants have received little attention. From a comparative study of healthy and diseased plants R. W. Thatcher has now brought out the interesting fact that there are two types of resistance or immunity. In one, the enzymes or other active substances excreted by the hyphae of the growing parasite are antagonized by the tissue material of the plant attacked; and in the second, the infected tissue is so sensitive that it is killed at the point of entrance of the parasite, which is thus starved to death from failure of its supply of food material.

### Didn't Seem Reasonable.

Mrs. Wiseman was one of those women who always know. Whatever the subject under discussion, she had her own opinions, and made other people have them, too. "Joshua," said she to her husband one evening. "I saw in this morning's paper that old Mr. Biffer died on Saturday." "It was a mistake," mumbled Joshua as he bent down to unlace his shoes, "he died on Friday." "But the paper said Saturday," repeated Mrs. Wiseman firmly. "I know it did," persisted Joshua; "but it was an error in the print." "I thought that at first," said the lady decidedly, "but I got half a dozen copies of the paper, and it was the same in all of them. And they certainly couldn't have made the same mistake over and over again like that."

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PETROGRAD SEES  
INSINGERY IN  
PEACE PROPOSALS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15—The peace proposal of the central powers is regarded by the Russian government as "an attempt to court public opinion and encourage the people of Germany by appearing to put the re-

DECEMBER 18-19  
Monday and Tuesday Nights  
and Tuesday Matinee

## LA CROSSE THEATRE



Prices: Matinee, Children 15c  
Adults 25c and 35c  
Evenings, 25c, 35c and 50c  
Seat Sale Saturday

## THE DOME

HELEN HOLMES  
IN  
"A Deed of Daring"

4th and most thrilling episode of  
"A Lass of the Lumberlands"

Also EDWARD COXEN and  
LIZETTE THORNE in  
Love's Bitter Strength  
And a Comedy.

## THE STAR

FRIDAY ONLY  
"THE DIVILS  
BONDSWOMAN"

Five Reel Red Feather Photoplay  
with Dorothy Davenport.

"HIS OWN NEMESIS"  
With Eddie Lyons, Nestor Comedy.  
COMING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

"A HERO BY PROXY"  
With Carter de Haven, from the  
comedy, "Timothy Dobbs That's Me."

## THE CASINO

Today and Tomorrow  
"WHISPERING  
SMITH"

A screen version of Frank H. Spear-  
man's famous novel.  
This story of railroad detective work  
is well worth while. It features

HELEN HOLMES  
and her company of railroaders.

## THE STRAND

Tonight Only  
"THE WHIRLPOOL  
OF DESTINY"

Red Feather production, featuring  
FLORA PARKER DE HAVEN  
A story of life's tribulations.  
A pleasing comedy will also be shown

responsibility for the continuation of  
the war upon the entente allies."  
The proposal has been received by  
official Petrograd without an atom  
of sympathy.

Five thousand Japanese emigrants are to be sent to Brazil each year over the new steamship line. In their new home the Japanese will be employed in the cultivation of rice, beans, potatoes, onions and coffee.



## NO NEED TO RAP ON WOOD IF YOU BRAG ON TANLAC

Mrs. Tate Hanson's Answer to  
Grocer Who Failed to Weigh  
His Words

New Tonic the Right Stuff, She  
Declares, Because It's Made  
Her Feel Just Fine—"It Hit  
the Spot," She Said.

"The groceryman said to me:  
"Mrs. Hanson, have you tried  
Tanlac that is advertised so much?"  
"Has on those new tonics," I said  
to him.

"All I can say, Mrs. Hanson, is that  
I have quite a few customers taking  
it and every one of them say it is  
just fine," the groceryman said to  
me.

"Do you sell Tanlac?" I said to  
him.

"No," he said to me, "the only  
place to get Tanlac in La Crosse is at  
C. A. Begun's Drug Store."

"And that's the way I got to tak-  
ing Tanlac," Mrs. Tate Hanson, 1834  
North Western Avenue, Racine, ex-  
plained to the Tanlac Demonstrator.

"Ask any of my friends how I  
suffered before I took Tanlac," con-  
tinued Mrs. Hanson. "Actually my  
head wasn't large enough to hold  
the aches and it seemed like they  
spread everywhere. My back ached  
just as bad."

"My stomach was bum—there's no  
other word for it. I was nervous  
and run-down and was just too weary  
to work."

"Well, believe me, Tanlac must be  
the right stuff, for it hit the spot in  
my case. I got better from the start.  
A few days after I had begun taking  
Tanlac I said to the groceryman:

"I'm feeling fine since I took the  
tonic you advised me to take," He  
said to me.

"You'd better rap on wood, when  
you brag," And I said to him:

"I don't have to rap on wood be-  
cause I'm not bragging—I'm just  
telling the truth. Tanlac is not only  
a good tonic—it is a great tonic."

Tanlac is especially designed to  
relieve conditions resulting from  
nervous indigestion and kindred  
complaints. Everywhere it has been  
introduced it has met with wonder-  
ful success.

Tanlac can be obtained here only  
from C. A. Begun's Drug Store.

Tanlac can also be obtained from  
Geo. H. Seidel at Sparta; G. C. Groe-  
zinger at Bangor.

## DIVER ASHORE AND FEAR IS HELD OUT FOR THE CREW

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 14.—Fears  
for the safety of Lieutenant H. R.  
Robusch and E. F. Zemke and the  
crew of the United States submarine  
H-3 were expressed Thursday after-  
noon following the running aground  
of the little diver just outside of  
Humboldt bay.

At 12:45 p. m., after the craft  
had been buffeted and rolled by the  
sea for several hours, the belief was  
expressed by persons watching the  
ship from shore that her superstruc-  
ture was being broken up. At that  
hour the H-3, apparently caught fast  
in the breakers, where she ran dur-  
ing a dense fog, was apparently be-  
ing tossed about helplessly in the  
surf.

A man never appreciates good luck  
so much as when he is having a run  
of bad.

A woman is as vain of her small  
feet as a man of his large hat.

## SEEMS EVERYONE HEARD ABOUT IT

All want to try new drug that  
dries up corns so they  
lift out.

Good news spreads rapidly and  
druggists here are kept busy dispen-  
sing freezone, the recent discovery of  
a Cincinnati man, which is said to  
loosen any corn so it lifts out with  
the fingers.

A quarter of an ounce costs very  
little at any pharmacy, but is said to  
be sufficient to rid one's feet of  
every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply just a few drops on the  
tender, aching corn and instant-  
ly the soreness is relieved, and soon  
the corn is so shriveled that it lifts  
out without pain. It is a stick sub-  
stance which dries when applied and  
never inflames or even irritates the  
adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thou-  
sands of deaths annually from lock-  
jaw and infection heretofore result-  
ing from the suicidal habit of cut-  
ting corns.

Our Method of Selling  
**DIAMONDS**  
saves you one-half of the reg-  
ular profit. Ask to see our  
stock and we will show where  
you save money in buying  
here.

Small Diamond Rings—  
\$6.00 to \$30.00  
Others at .....\$40.00 to \$200.00

**CONRAD NELSON**  
JEWELER  
301 Main Street  
Young & Boerner's DrugStore  
Open Evenings Until Xmas

## BURNING OF OLD SCHOOL RECALLS NOTED STUDENTS

Builder of Famous Keokuk  
Dam Was Product of De-  
stroyed Schoolhouse  
at Rushford

RUSHFORD, Minn.—(Special).—  
Sober faces are plentiful among the  
last year's graduates and a good  
many others, also, since the destruc-  
tion by fire, of the old stone school-  
building in Brooklyn. Few, indeed,  
of the citizens here who did not ac-  
quire knowledge there, for the build-  
ing was one of Rushford's land-marks  
and known for miles around. Of  
stone and situated upon a high hill,  
it could be seen long before other  
buildings of the city. Among those  
who received instruction within it are  
Hugh Cooper, the builder of the fam-  
ous Keokuk dam, and Samuel G.  
Iverson, for several years Minnesota's  
state auditor.

Until such time as the city school  
board can find another building in  
which to carry on the work of the  
three departments, normal, agricul-  
tural and manual training, which  
were incorporated in the old building,  
it is expected that these departments  
will be practically at a standstill, as  
well as that of the Associated school  
work which was also given room  
there. One of the great losses sus-  
tained by reason of the fire was the  
destruction of a large amount of ma-  
terial gathered from the different  
places in which Mr. Brown, instruct-  
or in agriculture, has attended school  
or college and where he had taught.

Had the fire occurred during  
school hours, instead of 8:30 a. m.,  
a veritable holocaust would have  
been the result, as the blaze spread  
so quickly no escape would have been  
possible for teachers or students.

**Local and Personal**  
Mr. Hutchins, the manager of the  
Central restaurant, is able once more,  
to be up and attend to his work after  
a seige of pneumonia.

Miss Chrissie McLeod, instructor  
in Latin and German in our city  
schools and also high school librarian,  
has been suffering a severe seige of  
erysipelas and though at this writing  
she is able to be up about her home,  
it will be some time before she can  
resume her duties at school. At this  
writing no substitute has been found  
to carry on her work.

The Royal Neighbors met last Tues-  
day evening at the home of Mrs.  
Augusta Tofstad, a very enjoyable  
time being had by all. As election of  
officers was one of the business items  
upon the program, the following were  
placed on the list for the ensuing  
year: Oracle, Essie Lampman; Vice  
Oracle, Nettie Pederson; Past Oracle,  
Mrs. Clara Hennessey; Chancellor,  
Mrs. Augusta Tofstad; Recorder, Mrs.  
Mrs. Ellen Wilmarth; Receiver, Mrs.  
Marie Ensrud; Inner Sentinel, Mrs.  
Mayme Culhane; Outer Sentinel, Mrs.  
Mary Lampman; Assistant Marshal,  
Laura Larson.

It is highly probable that at some  
time in the near future, the owner-  
ship of the Rushford bus-line may  
change hands and the motor-bus that  
now makes the trip between this city  
and Winona will be run between the  
latter city and Rplingstone. How-  
ever, the usual service as now carried  
on will prevail until deep snow and  
very cold weather renders it impos-  
sible. If the new route should be fol-  
lowed, the bus will pass St. Mary's  
college in Winona.

**MAHONEY HEADS  
AMERICAN EQUITY**

WAUSAU, Wis., Dec. 15.—Officers  
of the American Equity society were  
elected Thursday as follows:

D. O. Mahoney, Virque, Wis.,  
president; H. A. Fuller, Mankato,  
Minn., vice president; directors, C.  
F. Lowrie, Great Falls, Mont.; M. P.  
Johnson, Tolley, N. D., and H. H.  
Williams, St. Paul, Minn.

**SALISBURY TAKES  
CLARKE'S PLACE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Unex-  
pected opposition was voted down  
and Senator Willard Salisbury, Dela-  
ware, was elected president pro tem-  
poro of the senate Thursday, suc-  
ceeding the late James P. Clarke.

**WAS "BURIED," GOT  
INSURANCE MONEY AND  
NOW IS A PRISONER**

PLAINVIEW, Texas, Dec. 15.—J.  
A. Morgan was under arrest here on  
Thursday because he burned to death  
last month. The trouble with Mor-  
gan, officers say, was that he didn't  
stay dead.

Morgan came here last summer  
and took out \$7,500 life insurance  
in two companies. On the night of  
November 6 his ranch house burned  
and it was reported that Morgan was  
killed by the explosion of a can of  
gasoline he was trying to save. A  
quantity of bones were bound in the  
rains.

"Morgan" was buried by his lodge,  
which made up a purse of \$500 "for  
his widow" and the insurance com-  
panies came across with the coin. He  
was seen in Sweetwater yesterday,  
however, and promptly arrested.

Tardy investigation revealed that  
bones which had been buried were  
those of a calf. It was identified as  
having belonged to a neighbor. Now,  
Morgan not only is charged with ar-  
son and fraud, but with cattle steal-  
ing.

**ANOTHER MILLION MEN  
IN ARMY OF BRITAIN**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A war office  
supplementary estimate Thursday  
provides for an additional million  
men of all ranks in the army for the  
year ending March 31, 1917—mak-  
ing a total of five million for that  
twelve month period.

Ladies'  
Bath  
Robes  
\$3 to \$6.50

# Scott-Rose Co.

418-420 MAIN STREET

Special  
Ladies'  
Kimonas  
each \$1.00

## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS BUYING NOW SEE OUR WINDOWS FOR CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

### Christmas Waists

Dainty Waists for Christmas gifts, new models in  
fine crepe de chine, georgette and lingerie, each  
**98c up to \$10**

**SPECIALS**—Waists of georgette crepe in white  
and flesh, \$4.00 and \$4.50 values. **\$2.98**

Waists of fine crepe de chine and georgette, in  
white and colors, \$5.00 values. **\$3.98**

### Christmas Furs

There are no furs like GORDON FURS. We have  
a big variety of the new styles in Muffs and Neck-  
pieces.

**MUFFS** **SCARFS** **SETS**  
**\$2.50 to \$50** **\$3 to \$50** **\$5 to \$95**

**SPECIALS**—A lot of Muffs, Scarfs and Sets  
much below their actual value. **\$5.00**

Each ..... **\$5.00**  
Another lot of high grade Gordon Fur Sets, some  
of them worth double the price **\$22.50**

### Silk Petticoats

Ladies' Silk Petticoats, **\$2.98**  
Saturday special .....

### Christmas Hose

Ladies' Silk Hose in black, white and colors, at  
per pair—  
**50c, 59c, 75c up to \$2.25**

**SPECIAL**—Black and Fancy Colored Silk Hose,  
also fine Embroidered Silks and  
Lisle, special per pair **98c**

### Leather Bags and Purses

The new Bags and Purses make very acceptable  
gifts. Our variety is so large that you will surely  
find just what you want here and at lowest prices.

Ladies' Hand Bags, **75c to \$7.50**  
each .....  
Ladies' Strap Purses, **50c to \$3.50**  
each .....

## LINEN DEPARTMENT

### Special For Saturday

Embroidered Pillow Cases, boxed,  
per pair ..... **\$1 to \$2**

Embroidered Day Cases, boxed,  
per pair ..... **\$1.50**

14 inch Hand Embroidered Maderia Napkins,  
SIX for ..... **\$2.89**

13 inch Hemstitched plain all Linen Napkins,  
SIX for ..... **\$1.75**

14 inch Hemstitched plain all Linen Napkins,  
SIX for ..... **\$2.00**

Hand Embroidered Maderia Handkerchief  
Cases, each ..... **\$2.50**

24 inch Hand Embroidered  
Maderia Center Pieces, each ..... **\$1.50, \$1.75**

Hand Embroidered Maderia  
Scarfs at ..... **\$5.50 to \$8.50**

6 inch Hand Embroidered Maderia Doylies,  
SIX for ..... **\$1.00**

Satin Damask Scaloped Bed  
Sets, consisting of one Bed  
Spread 82x94, 27x72 Pillow  
Shams, special **\$5.00**  
per set .....

Satin Damask all Linen Table  
Cloths, 2 yards square—  
**\$2.75 to \$6.50**  
2 1/2 yards by 2 yards square—  
**\$3.75 to \$12.50**

6 in. Cluny Doylies, **\$1.50**  
SIX for .....

8 in. Cluny Doylies, **\$2.75**  
SIX for .....

**Bath Robe Flannel**  
Beacon Bath Robe Flannel,  
all colors, per  
yard ..... **39c**  
Cord and Tassel to match, set  
**25c and 39c**

50c ..... **75c**  
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## CHRISTMAS Handkerchiefs

The fiend, "Price Advance", has not  
touched our Handkerchief depart-  
ment, we outwitted him, bought ours  
long before he got here, we hand you  
the benefits now. Come and see.

Ladies' plain Linen Handkerchiefs,  
each ..... **5c to 35c**

Ladies' Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, **10c to 35c**  
each .....

Ladies' Linen Embroidered Hand-  
kerchiefs, each ..... **10c to \$1.00**

Men's plain Linen Handkerchiefs,  
each ..... **10c to 50c**

Men's Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, **10c to 35c**  
each .....

Children's Initialed and Embroidered Hand-  
kerchiefs, 3 in box, per box ..... **25c**

Ladies' Boxed Handkerchiefs, white and colored em-  
brodery, also lace edges, 3 in box, **25c 35c 59c**  
per box .....

### Ladies' Neckwear

Beautiful new novelties for Christmas in fine  
georgette, crepe de chine and dainty washable  
materials. A big variety to choose from, at each  
**25c up to \$3.50**

### Christmas Gloves

Ladies' Kid Gloves, pair—  
**\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75**

Ladies' Kayser Double Silk Gloves,  
black and white, pair ..... **\$1.25**

Children's Lined Gloves and Mittens,  
per pair ..... **50c**

**SPECIAL**—Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves and Mit-  
tens, values to \$1.50 a pair, Saturday  
special, pair ..... **98c**

### Glassware

#### SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Cut Glass Candle Sticks, **50c and \$1**  
each .....

Cut Glass, an assortment of different pieces, val-  
ues \$1.25 and \$1.50, only **\$1.00**  
each .....

Cut Glass Pieces—  
\$3.50 for **\$2.00** **\$3.00** **\$1.50 for**  
**\$2.00** **\$3.00** **\$1.10**  
\$3.50 Water Sets at **\$2.50**  
only .....

A small assortment of fine Imported China Pieces  
\$1.25 only **\$1.75 only**  
**75c** **\$1.00**

### Fleisher's Yarns

Saturday is the last day of the  
FREE DEMONSTRATION of  
how to use Fleisher Yarns.

This is an opportunity you  
can only get once a year. You can find out all  
about knitting and crocheting with the Fleisher  
Yarns.

**Fancy Aprons**  
Tea Aprons, Fudge Aprons, Sewing Aprons, vari-  
ety of styles in fine white materials, trimmed  
with dainty laces, embroideries and ribbons, each  
**25c 35c 50c 59c up to \$1.25**

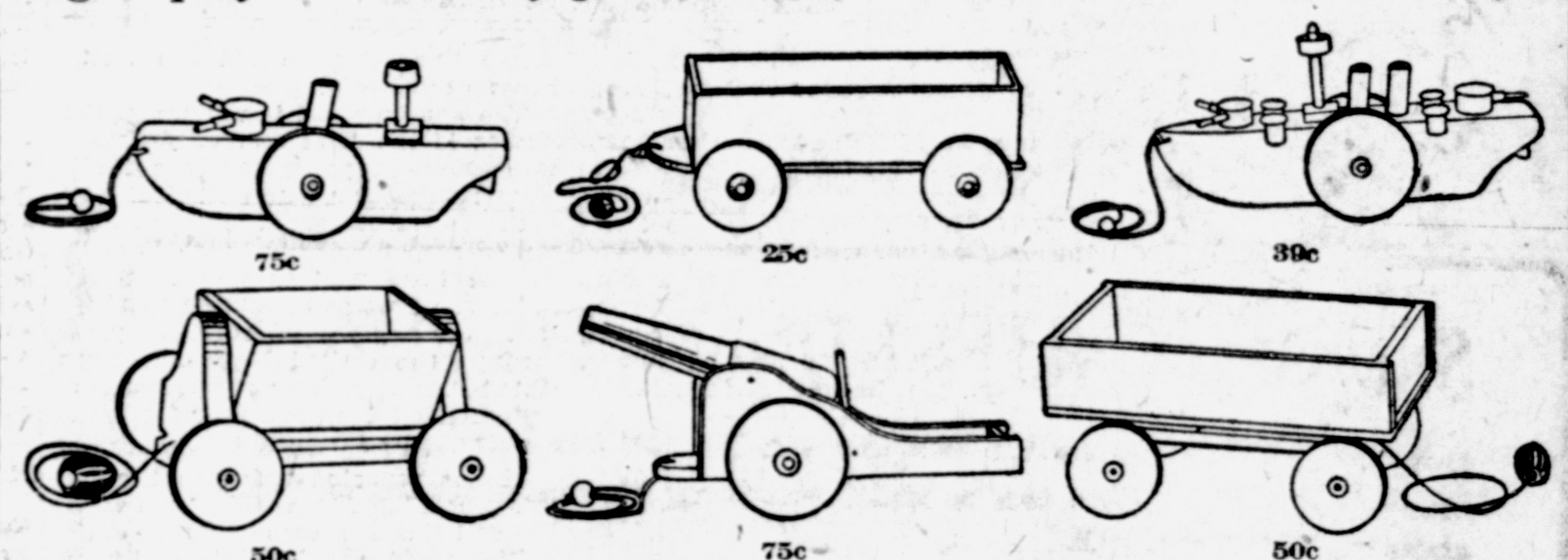
### Corset Covers

Big variety of dainty Corset Covers of fine main-  
silk and crepe de chine, trimmed with dainty  
laces and embroideries, each—  
**35c, 50c, 65c up to \$1.75**

Crepe de Chine TEDDY BEARS, each—  
**\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00**

## TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

A NEW LINE of American made Toys that are well made and very at-  
tractive. We have interested every customer in this line that visited  
our Toy Dept. They are all made of wood and very highly finished.  
Big display for Saturday prices very reasonable.



### SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

18 in. Teddy Bear ..... **80c** **35c** Cast Iron Stoves ..... **25c** **19c** Sad Irons ..... **10c**  
75c Dressed Dolls ..... **50c** **50c** Cast Iron Trains ..... **35c** **Steel Doll Buggies—**  
**\$1.00** Lawn Mower ..... **65c** **15c** Carts ..... **10c** **40c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25**  
**35c** Iron Dray ..... **19c** **15c** Doll Tables ..... **10c** **Reed Doll Buggies—**  
**\$2.00, \$4.50 and \$6.00**

## Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

New York.—"Twirl cost New York  
\$25 to record the one soldier's vote in  
the Blackwell's Island district. Four  
inspectors at \$5 each and printing  
and other expenses, \$5.

NEWARK, N. J.—New Year's  
greeting Sergeant Bonnet's wife mailed  
him on a postcard December, 1905,  
was just delivered today. It has been  
resting at the postoffice.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 15.—Dr. A. R.  
Rederer blames gripe on women.

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Joseph Brown  
swore to a warrant against her hus-  
band and returned home with a  
policeman but death beat them.  
Brown was dead from asphyxiation.  
They had quarreled.

CHICAGO.—She's getting fat and  
fears she will lose her job as a  
clothing model, so Miss Hallie Piper  
goes bathing in the lake each day  
despite near zero weather. And her  
physician advised it!

NEW YORK.—Flirting at \$300  
per flirt is the latest. That's what  
Mrs. Catherine Lauffer collected  
from Detective Tom Downes for dam-  
ages. He tried to flirt and then ar-  
rested her, she charged.

PARK FALLS, Wis., Dec. 15.—  
Fire wiped out an entire block of this  
place Wednesday night. Damage  
was estimated at \$150,000.

The fire, starting in the basement  
of the Cohen & Cummings general  
merchandise store in the center of

the "fire trap" block of this city,  
destroyed the entire block with a loss  
of \$150,000 and was not put out  
until early Thursday.

The only building left standing in  
the path of the fire that threatened

to wipe out the whole town was the  
Odd Fellows' hall, a little two story  
structure.

## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

### BUY AT HOME

### AND BUY HOME MADE GOODS

### OR BUY FROM LOCAL DEALERS

How are the public improvements of La Crosse to be augmented and carried out if La Crosse  
people do not spend most of their money amongst the commercial and industrial establishments and  
professional offices of La Crosse? If the rain did not fall within the limits of La Crosse, our trees,  
lawns and shrubbery would not be sprinkled from the Heavens and they would cease to grow; likewise,  
if La Crosse people spend most of the proceeds which they get out of other La Crosse people with con-  
cerns away from La Crosse, how can we expect the money to remain here to assist in the building of  
a community with good roads, hospitals, and educational, recreational and religious advantages.

"Home Patronage" means the patronizing of local industries by local merchants and the patron-  
izing of local merchants by local people.

LA CROSSE—YOUR TOWN AND MINE—LET'S WORK FOR IT.

## Chamber of Commerce of La Crosse



# Diamond Jewelry of Quality Surprisingly Low Priced

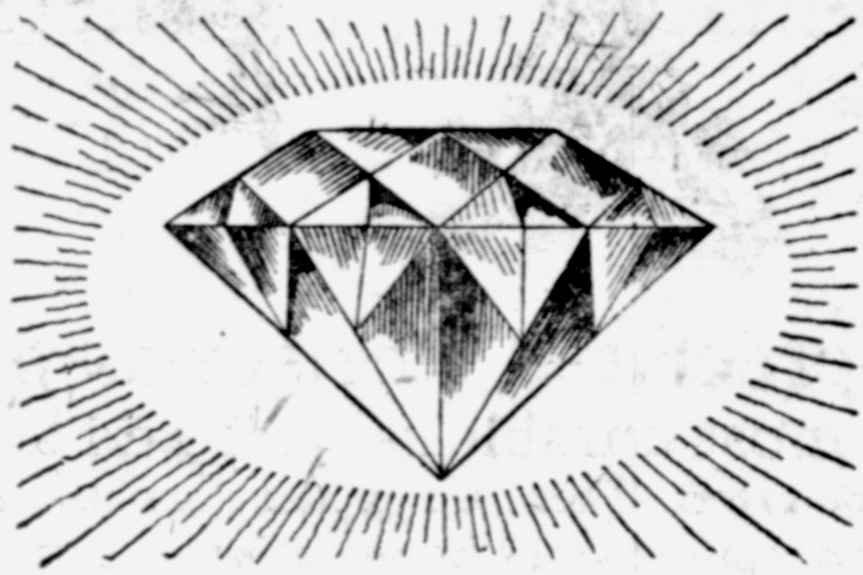
The gift supreme is Diamond Jewelry. For this holiday season we have a stock of exquisite Diamond Jewelry that will be sure to please those fortunate enough to be so favored. Below we mention but a few of the very many items that are here for your selection.

**SOLID GOLD LAVALLIERES**, set with genuine diamond 12-100 carat size, real pearl drop, at ..... **\$20**  
Others at \$3.50 to \$150.

**SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS**—For soft cuffs, set with fine diamonds, beautiful designs, at ..... **\$15**  
Others at \$3.50 to \$50.

**PLATINUM AND DIAMOND DINNER RINGS** Heavy weight hand made filigree mountings, 11 full cut brilliant diamonds ..... **\$50**  
Others \$30 to \$200.

**SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RINGS**—Solid 14 karat gold Tiffany mounting with platinum setting, 1/2 karat absolutely perfect blue white Wesselton diamond ..... **\$100**  
Others \$19.50 to \$800



**SOLID GOLD BROOCHES**—Set with genuine diamonds and real pearls, priced at ..... **\$10**  
Others at \$5.00 to \$135.

**PLATINUM HEAD SCARF PINS**—Set with four genuine diamonds, at ..... **\$30**  
Others in gold at \$2.00 to \$60.

**14 karat Flexible BRACELET** in green gold, set with 1 diamond and 2 sapphires ..... **\$28**

**EXQUISITE SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RINGS**—Hand made platinum mountings. The latest and most attractive piece of high grade jewelry ever produced. The prices of absolutely perfect blue white Wesselton diamonds in the above mountings are ..... **\$90 to \$800**

Our money-saving prices are one reason for buying DIAMONDS at Irvine's — another and still more important reason is the guarantee given with each diamond and backed by our reputation for honest merchandizing built up through years of service to the people of La Crosse and vicinity.

**DIAMOND GUARANTEE**

We guarantee that the diamond in article No. 591 mounting is a genuine diamond of absolutely perfect blue white quality, weighing one-half carat. The mounting is 14-K Solid gold and Platinum. Price \$100.

We agree to the following exchange and return conditions:

1st. If this article is returned to us at any time, with the diamond in same condition as when it left our store, not chipped nor damaged, and accompanied by this guarantee, we will allow the full purchase price in exchange for a higher priced diamond.

2nd. If this article is returned to us at any time by the original purchaser with the diamond in same condition as when it left our store, not chipped nor damaged, and accompanied by this guarantee, we will, on request, refund the purchase price, less 10 per cent. This refund agreement is with the original purchaser and is not transferable.

IRVINE'S  
429 MAIN STREET  
LA CROSSE, WIS.

## IRVINE'S, 429 Main Street, LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

### LA MOILE WOMAN DIES AT THE AGE OF NINETY-ONE

LA MOILE, Minn.—(Special).—Following a few days' illness with pneumonia, Mrs. Catherine May, aged ninety-one years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Brennan, of this place.

Mrs. May was a native of County Elige, Ireland, being born there Feb. 26, 1826 and coming to America when twenty-six years old. Two years later, she became the wife of Frank May and the two settled at Niagara Falls, later moving to Scranton, Pa., which was their home for the next sixteen years.

Over fifty years ago, they came to Winona county, settling on the land which now comprises Briarcliffe farm. This tract of land was their home for two years when they purchased a home on Homer Ridge where,

Mrs. May lived for one and one half years after the death of Mr. May, thirteen years ago. The daughter's home in La Moile had been her home ever after.

She is survived by four sons and five daughters. Frank of Washington; Edward, of Los Angeles; James, to Homer Ridge; Mrs. Katherine Moore, and Miss Bess May of Lewiston, Idaho; Miss Margaret of Butte, Mont.; Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Homer, and Mrs. Ella Brennan, of La Moile.

### U. P. CORRESPONDENT GETS CREDENTIALS FOR BRITISH HEADQUARTERS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—William Philip Simms, Paris manager of the United Press, and one of the most brilliant writers on the agency's European staff, has received his credentials accrediting him permanently, for the duration of the war, to the British general headquarters in France,

where he will represent the United Press exclusively.

The appointment is unique in that Simms is the first and only neutral correspondent permanently accredited to represent a single neutral news agency. Heretofore, the only American correspondent permanently at the British headquarters was Frederick Palmer, who was appointed to represent the entire American press, through the United Press and Associated Press. Palmer at present is on an extended lecture tour in this country.

Simms reported today to the British general headquarters, from which he will have access to the entire British front and the divisional headquarters not only of the English troops but of the Canadians, the Australians, the New Zealanders, the Irish and the Scotch.

Other correspondents, including William G. Shepherd, W. S. Forrest and Charles P. Stewart, have made limited visits to the British front for

the United Press. Simms also has made such visits in the past, but from this time forward he will be lodged permanently at general headquarters. Upon his return Palmer will represent the Associated Press exclusively at British headquarters. The situation then will be identical with that at the French front, where only two American correspondents are permanently accredited, Robert Derry for the Associated Press and Henry Wood for the United Press.

### DRYS PLAN CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—Temperance organizations from all parts of Wisconsin were represented here Thursday of leading "drys" who met to prepare plans for the county and state convention which will probably be held in Madison in January.

The cheapest thing in California is sunshine; in Kentucky it's moonshine.

### WIRES UNABLE TO CARRY ORDERS OF SOUTH AND WEST

Tickers Run Far Behind in Furious Trading on Exchange During Days Since Start of the War

### RECORDS BEING MADE

Two Million Share Days Attributed Largely to Invasion of South and West of Wall Street

By LOWELL MELLETT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—So anxious are the west and the south to dump their money into the New York stock market that the Western Union and American Telegraph & Telephone companies cannot provide enough wires to accommodate them. Hundreds of sales, it was learned, go by the boards simply because the wires cannot carry the offers.

When Germany's peace proposals caused the greatest dumping of stocks into the exchange since the "silent panic" of 1907, the selling orders of these western and southern traders did not reach the floor of the exchange until late afternoon. These out of town speculators, who generally buy—play the market long—lost in the shake down; while a large bulk of the professional traders of the Wall street district had sold short and took profits on the decline.

So furious is the trading on the Stock exchange that the tickers supposed to keep every broker's and banker's office in even touch with quotations, sometimes are eighteen minutes behind the market. Even in the cotton and grain exchanges business has become too fast for the telegraph wires and the tickers frequently lag five or ten minutes behind.

In the open windows of the curb brokerage houses, one today could see girls making the wild, mystic signals to the traders on the pavement, that never before were made by feminine fingers. The supply of brokerage employes has run short of the demand.

And lambs are so plentiful that a bright young man who started a magazine for their special treatment four months ago, is a full-blown publisher today with big circulation and advertising.

"The south and the west," answered R. T. Halsey, chairman of the finance committee of the Stock exchange, when asked for an explanation of the six two-million share days and the twenty-one one-million share days on the exchange during the past month.

**Western People Prominent**  
The people of the west are trading in New York stocks in a way none of us ever saw before. They have money as a result of the big prices for crops and they are making more of it here, many of them. The good cotton prices likewise have put the people of the south into the market. They are new-comers. Southern business on the exchange in past years has amounted to practically nothing. Now it amounts to millions.

William C. Van Antwerp, governor of the Stock exchange, agreed, explaining that the people in remote sections are trading by wire in the stocks of concerns they know. Utah Copper, Texas Oil, and Montana Power stocks, he said, bring orders from their respective states in large numbers.

**Foreign Business Large**  
"But the influence of the foreign business is more significant to my mind," he said. "South Americans are coming into this market as the result of conditions in London and Paris that have shut them out of their usual market. The volume of business from down there is becoming very big."

"From Europe the cables are carrying an enormous business to New York. The increase in our foreign listings has been largely responsible for the general increase of about five hundred stocks handled by the New York Stock exchange. From 1,200 our listings have been raised to 1,700.

"New York undoubtedly will retain most of this new stock business after the war. In fact, we expect to see it increase and this city to remain permanently the financial center of the world."

**Third Investment**  
At least a third of the Stock exchange trading is straight investment, Van Antwerp declared. As for the speculation, he said the stock exchange is exerting effort to keep the market free from manipulation and that every safeguard the governors can conceive has been thrown about the trading.

"The very immensity of the business now being done," he said, "may be expected to bring on a call for congressional investigation. Whether it does not, the Stock exchange intends to keep its record clean."

William Shearer, manager of the New York clearing-house, can testify to the prevalence of speculation bacilli.

"Some gamblers up in New England," he protested indignantly, "are running a pool based on the clearing-house figures. They offered me a 'split' on the profits \$50 or so a week—if I would slip them the figures in advance of public announcement."

Shearer's official statement on the banks in the clearing-house, at the close of last week's business showed the banks to be carrying \$73,790,840 more reserve than required by law. It showed also that the total reserve then in the banks' vaults, \$347,726,000, was in actual hard money.

"Serenity, health and affluence attend the desire of rising by labor."

—Oliver Goldsmith.

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### BIG WAGE RAISES GO INTO EFFECT

United States Steel Corporation Alone Increases Pay of Its Employees Ten Per Cent

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—What is perhaps the biggest wage increase in the history of the United States became effective Friday when the pay of 250,000 workers of the United States Steel Corporation is increased ten per cent—the gross annual increase approximating \$20,000,000. The increase was made by the company due to its enormous prosperity—its net earnings are now estimated at \$1,000,000 a day.

The increase is but one of many recently made by the large employing concerns throughout the country. Among them are:

Ten per cent increase to 35,000 employees of the American Woolen Company, Boston.

Ten per cent increase to the 33,000 men employed by independent manufacturers Association of New Bedford.

Thirty-five to forty per cent increase to the 32,000 persons employed by the American Clothing Manufacturers association, New York (effective December 18.)

Ten per cent increase to the 3,000 employees of the National India Rubber company, Bristol, R. I.

Ten per cent increase to the 3,000 men employed by independent steel mills at and near Sharon, Pa.

Increase of not less than 25 cents a day to 10,000 employees of the Bayonne, Elizabeth and Claremont refineries of the Standard Oil company (action taken after a strike for higher wages at Bayonne in which several persons were shot to death.)

The City of New York contemplates a wage increase of \$1,147,180 to 18,488 municipal employees. This had not been determined finally.

In each case, in announcing the increases, the concerns said they were made to enable their employees to meet the advancing cost of living.

The increase is the third the company has made during the year. Its payroll for 1915 was \$176,800,864. The 1916 total will be above \$200,000,000 and if high wages continue the 1917 roll will approach \$250,000,000.

The Eastman Kodak company of Rochester, N. Y., the Glove Manufacturers' association of Gloversville, N. Y., and the Arlington Mills of Lawrence, Mass., are other concerns which have made substantial wage increases.

That lesser concerns have taken similar action is indicated by Chicago figures, where, according to John W. O'Leary, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, twenty-five concerns have made \$10,000,000 increases to 100,000 employees during the year.

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### FAVORABLE REPORT ON NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house judiciary committee on Thursday reported favorably a bill for nation-wide prohibition, reported the women's suffrage bill without recommendation, and reported favorably a bill for a nation-wide food investigation.

Representative Baker of California is author of the suffrage resolution. Both it and the Webb national prohibition amendment must pass the house and senate by a two-thirds vote and be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

### AVERS HE WHO ASKS PEACE HAS HAD ENOUGH

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"The man who asks for peace is generally the man who has had enough," declared General Maurice, director of military operations, Thursday.

"These peace proposals should be a great encouragement to us. Chancellor Hollweg's speech can be traced directly to developments on the Somme."

"Independent British and French estimates show that the Germans have lost 700,000 men since July 1, including 95,000 who were captured. In addition they lost 135 heavy guns; 180 field pieces and 1,314 machine guns."



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GHASTLY STATE OF AFFAIRS IN MEXICO TOLD BY AMERICAN

Declares City of Guanajuato Has Been Greatly Reduced Through Ravages of Disease and Hunger

SEVENTY DEATHS DAILY

Mining Man Says Sisters Were Taken to Terrible Fate and That Church Was Desecrated

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent) EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Affidavits by an American mining man describing terrible economic conditions now prevailing in Central Mexico as a result of continuous revolutions, were forwarded to Washington Thursday by United States department agents here.

The mining man's statement is one of the few first hand stories of Mexican interior conditions to reach the federal authorities from authentic sources.

"From a beautiful city of 40,000 persons," the statement reads, Guanajuato, the capital of that state, has been reduced to about 15,000 by the ravages of disease and starvation. In the last four months the death rate from starvation and disease has been more than seventy per day. I have seen women begging in the streets die from lack of food. I counted ten dead in an hour, carried past my residence on sheet iron stretchers. I saw one man executed for stealing a blanket and four prominent merchants shot for refusing to accept fiat currency.

"Sanitary conditions in Guanajuato are beyond description. Pests, unable to obtain clothes, wear grass and corn sheaves tied about their bodies with cords.

"Sisters in the convent there were taken by government soldiers to a fate worse than death. The wonderful church of Guadalupe was sacked and converted into a bull ring and dance hall by the troops."

In a sworn statement the mining man charged that the government troops had appropriated 25 carloads of corn sent by the Red Cross to famine sufferers. He said also that the governor of Guanajuato controlled the food supply and sold corn at three dollars and a half a bushel.

NEVERMORE WILL HE EJECT TEETH IN PUBLIC PLACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The teeth were false, the tale is true, but what else could the poor man do? He paused upon a public place and took them out to rest his face. Two boys then nipped them from his pocket, to get the gold therefrom and hock it. Man, boys and teeth were hailed to court, and eke a crowd to see the sport. "For evidence," said old Judge Brophy, "I'll keep this pilfered molar trophy." Just then the toothless witness grabbed 'em and in their proper place he jabbed 'em. "Dismiss the case," he told the judge. "The evidence is eating fudge." And drawing forth a nickel sack, he went his way. "Alack! Alack! The moral of this tale should be, 'Don't wear your eyebrows on your knee!'"

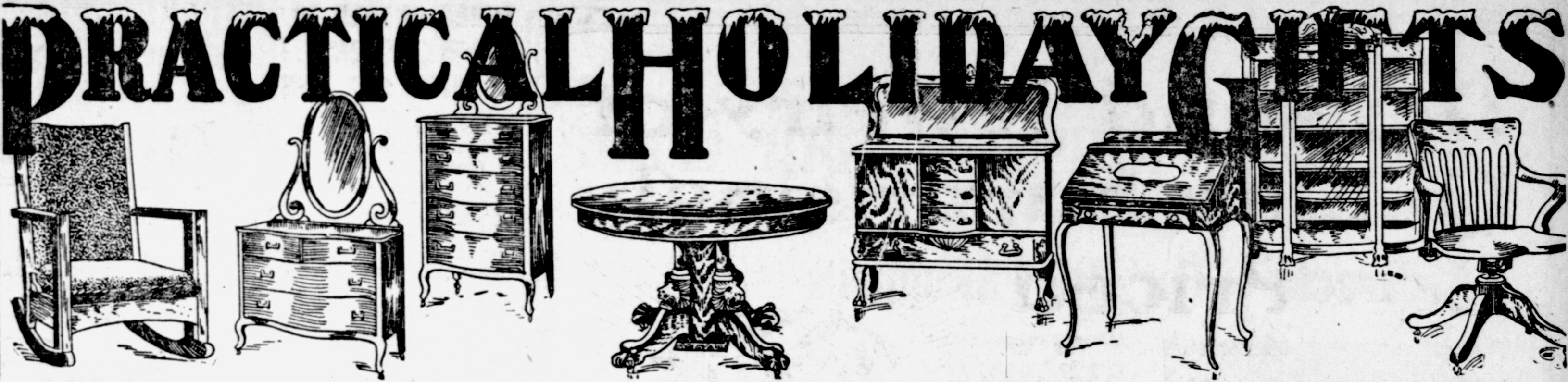
Lighting the Oven.

A baker's oven, illuminated on the inside, is a great advantage, since otherwise the contents cannot be closely inspected, unless withdrawn from the oven. An arrangement suitable for electric or gas lighting has been devised. The door is hinged to the frame by means of pins. One pin is provided with a counterweight to facilitate the action of the door in opening and closing. The other pin has a crank arm. On an extension on the door is mounted a knife switch, with two short fingers to engage with the crank arm. The opening of the door establishes an electrical connection with a lamp mounted in a casing near the door. If gas is used, the crank arm engages with the shank of a valve which regulates the flow of gas to the burner in the casing.—Popular Science Monthly.

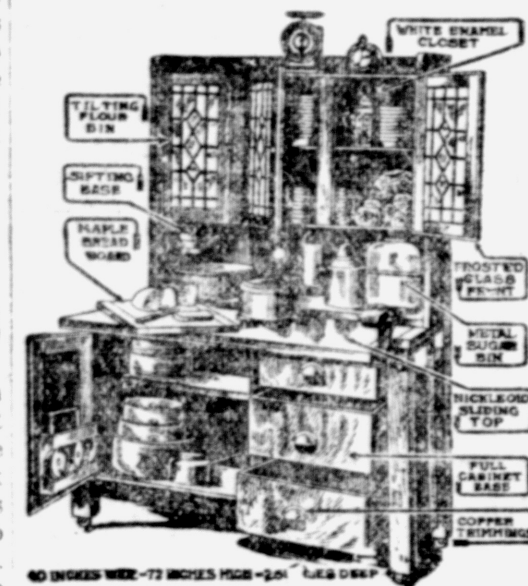
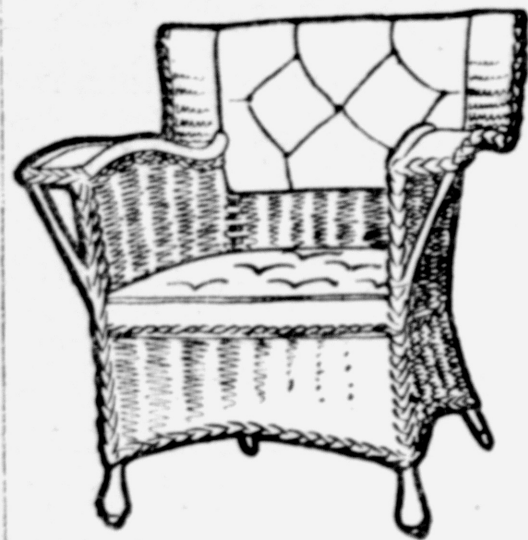
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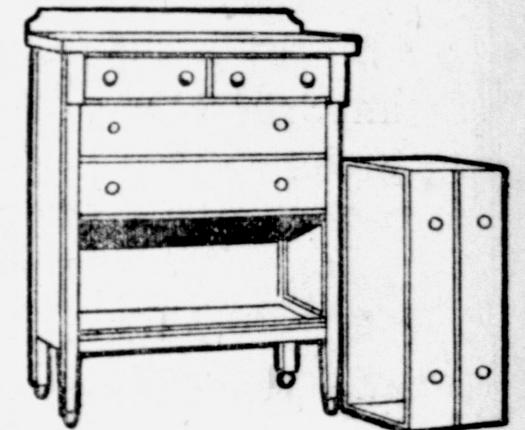
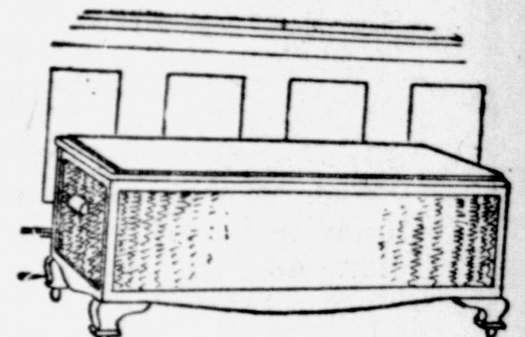
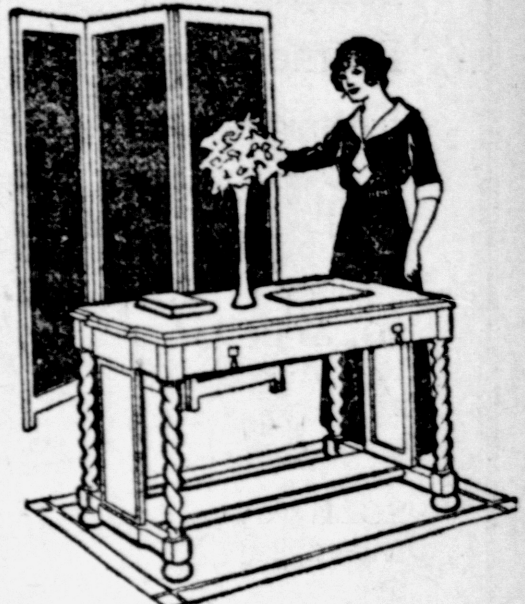
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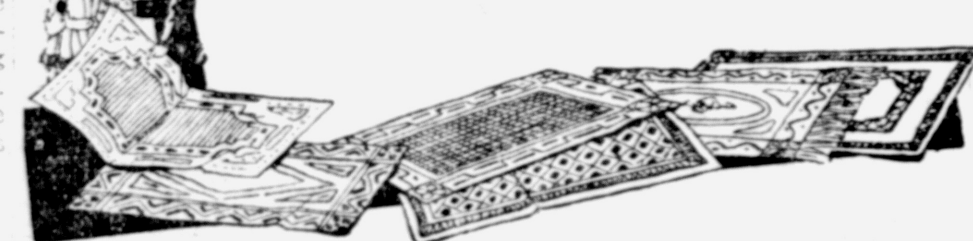
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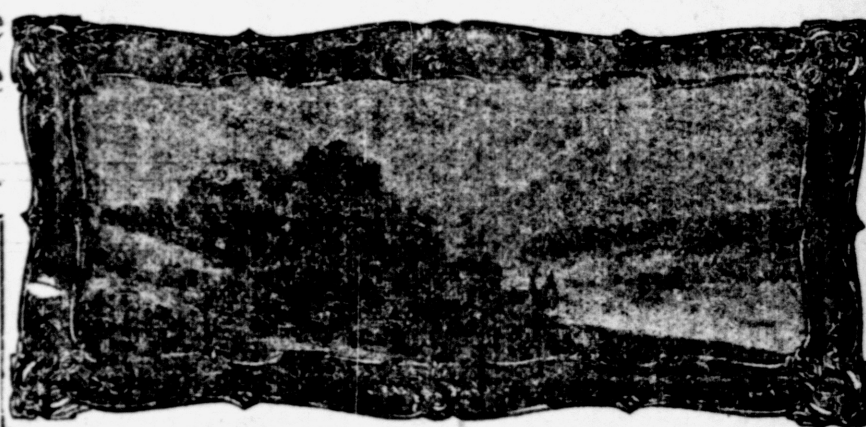
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MRS. DAHLSTRUM IS BURIED FROM SALEM RESIDENCE

WEST SALEM, Wis.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Mrs. Dahlstrum, the mother of Mrs. John Meyer, was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of John Meyer. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger of La Crosse, and a choir composed of Anna Marie Otterson, Selma Gudmundson, Oscar Holmlund and Rev. Otterson, sang two beautiful selections, one of them being a Swedish hymn, arranged especially for her mother's funeral by Mrs. Meyer, and sung in the Swedish tongue. The flowers, of which Mrs. Dahlstrum was passionately fond, filled one end of the room. Interment was made at Hamilton cemetery. Mrs. Dahlstrum had been ill for some time, having suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago. She recovered sufficiently to enjoy riding about in a wheelchair during the pleasant weather, but a short time ago suffered a relapse, and death occurred Saturday night, December 8. She was a woman of most kindly and genial disposition and leaves a large family to mourn her loss. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Woodcock of St. Paul, Mrs. Ryburg and Mrs. Thompson of Red Wing, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Magnusen and son Harold of La Crosse.

**Plan Uniting Churches**  
A meeting was held Saturday in the Norwegian Lutheran church to discuss plans for uniting the two Norwegian Lutheran churches here. The Synod church and the United church. No definite arrangements were made and it was decided to let the matter wait until the annual meeting in June.

**Local and Personal**  
H. D. Griswold is now actively engaged in giving a course of lectures for the State Agricultural society. He spent last week in Barron county. Mr. Griswold is one of the most widely known agriculturalists in the state.

Mrs. James Leary entertained the

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The dispatches also state that between November 28 and December 8 German submarines succeeded in sinking vessels laden with 17,000 tons of coal bound from England to France.

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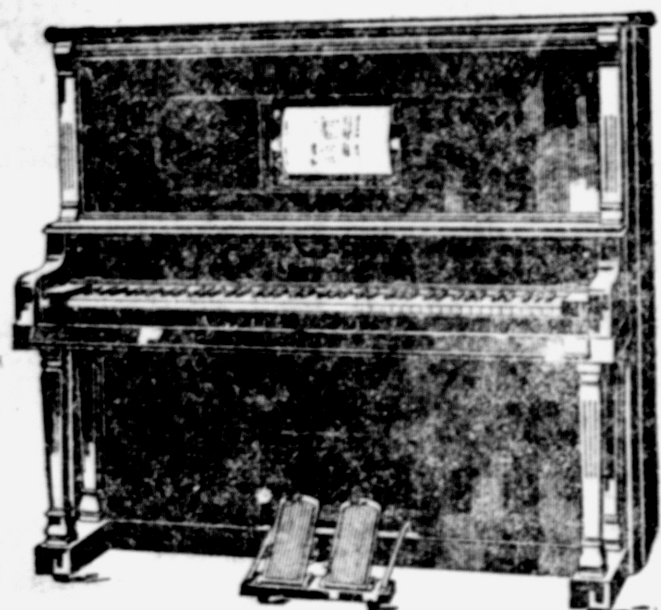
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### COLONEL BEATS IT

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Home While City Marches  
with Company to Business  
Section

SPARTA, Wis. — (Special.) — At eight o'clock the fire whistle was blown the signal agreed upon to notify the citizens of Sparta that in one hour her soldier boys would be home.

Shortly afterward the Milwaukee station platform was packed with friends and loved ones of the company, who went to give them a hearty welcome home despite the intense cold.

#### Notables in Crowd

Hundreds were there, senators, lawyers, doctors, just plain citizens, and young folks and little children. At 9:30 the train pulled into the station and there was a mad scramble to get as near to it as possible. Attorney Abel had announced that the relatives of the soldiers stand nearest the track, and others keep back, but in a few moments all mixed together, shaking hands and welcoming the boys.

#### "Cap" Comes First

Captain Merrill was about the first to make an appearance. He is looking fine, despite the rigorous campaign.

Colonel R. A. Richards and Lieut. Arnold made themselves conspicuous for their absence by immediately departing for their homes.

#### March Up Town

After a general reception at the station the procession was formed. Ray Webster, W. C. Wakeman, S. A. Steele and J. Schneider leading and carrying huge flags.

Old soldiers, Spanish War Veterans, men, women and children, joined in the march followed by the company.

Red fire illuminated the way to the Armory. Here an informal reception was held for the boys after which they departed for their homes.

The entire company of Sparta boys returned with the exception of two, Elvster Jackson, who was given a fine position on the coast, and Glenn Cole, who has a place in the division headquarters.

#### Town is Proud

Sparta may well feel proud of her soldier boys and from the hearty cheers and Sparta yells that rent the air, she evidently is.

A banquet will be served Friday evening at Assembly hall for the guardsmen.

#### Company Roster

The roster of the company is as follows:

Col. R. A. Richards, Lieut. O. L. Arnold, Color Sergeant, D. L. Brown, Musician, Harry Balch, band, Captain Robert A. Merrill, First Lieutenant William Holden, Second Lieutenant George B. Jensen, First Sergeant Harold E. Markham, Mess Sergeant Fred M. Evans, Supply Sergeant Frederick Hanson, Sergeants Alec L. Nicol, Roy H. McOmber, Clarence Jensen, Glenn Quackenbush, Aneurin H. Jones, Corporals Henry A. Friede, Carl E. Berry, Bruce Becker, Timothy Wilcox, Kenneth McConnell, Earnest Geniesse, Cooks Mark F. Baker, Clarence Arnold, Mechanic Bert F. Sands, Privates Spencer H. Almer, Erwin L. Baldwin, Thomas A. Baker, Seldon J. Beach, William Benedict, Archie I. Berlin, Edward Berens, Benjamin F. Blanks, John Burke, Bernard L. Carney, Edward Deutsch, Hugh M. Fanning, Chauncey Farr, Clyde V. Fitch, Alexander M. Gibson, Louis Hansen, Harvey Hoffman, Dewey Houghtaling, Frank Hyer, Jr., Orrin M. Kelley, Gustave Knudson, Lawrence Lange, Edward Lee, Malcolm McCoy, Robert McCoy, Alvin McPeak, Earl McPeak, John McPeak, Hiram Madden, Melvin Merced, Joseph Miller, Glenn P. Pierce, Herbert Pomeroy, Ray Pomeroy, George Prill, Archie L. Robinson, Ora H. Sands, Walter Sands, Erling Sletten, Nathan Shlimovitz, Charles Sullivan, John P. Youngman, Samuel W. McCance.

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## BRIDGE OPENED FOR ICE FLOES

NORTH MCGREGOR, Iowa. — (Special.) — The C. M. & St. P. pontoon bridge here has been open since early Monday morning, on account of floating ice. No trains have crossed the river over the Prairie du Chien division during the past twenty-four hours, and the bridge is still open.

## BAND CONCERT TO START AT 8:15

Capacity House Expected for  
First Concert of Municipal  
Band Friday Evening

The curtain will rise on the Municipal band in its first concert at 8:15 sharp Friday night. It was announced on Friday morning by E. W. Guenther of the organization. Patrons are requested to be in their seats promptly, in order not to disturb the enjoyment of the opening numbers. As indicated by the advance sale, there will be a capacity house to greet the first appearance of the

Municipal band. Much interest has been expressed in the appearance of Alessandro Liberati, famous cornetist and bandmaster of Chicago, who has been engaged to conduct the band in its first concert, and is also scheduled for two cornet solos. He will be accompanied by a pianist of note, Miss Pohlmann, who will also give two piano numbers to diversify the program.

Ross Caldwell, local violinist, will be the third soloist of the evening. He will be assisted by R. V. Morgan, musical director of the state normal school, at the piano.

## URGES CENTRAL FEDERAL AUTHORITY OVER A L L RAILROADS OF NATION

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15.—Declaring that investors are refusing to

put their money in railroad securities because of the "irresponsible, diversified and uncontrolled regulation by various states," Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railway executive's committee on federal legislation, pleaded Thursday that the powers of regulations be given to a central federal authority.

He spoke before the central states conference on rail and water transportation.

#### Snaring Quail.

No bird is better known than the quail from the Spanish littoral to the Arabian hillsides. Twice a year he passes over the great inland sea, northward in spring and southward in September and October. His coming is quite a festival, and many an outstanding bill and many a peasant's overdue rent is paid at his expense. When he goes northward in May to his nesting place in middle Europe, the sandy Italian beaches are lined with fine netting, loosely held up by stakes, and the quail, flying low over the sea, plunge into these and are securely held by the falling meshes. On the small Island of Capri, near Naples, 100,000 are sometimes taken in a season.—St. Louis Star.

#### Get It Exact.

"Why is it that the butcher always sends me more meat than I order, never by any chance less?" complained a young housekeeper to her husband. "Let me give him an order," said he, and stepping to the telephone, he called up the market. "Send me two pounds of porterhouse," he ordered, "and, say, if you can't cut two pounds make it a pound and a half." He got the two pounds by the next delivery.—New York Sun.

## SHE'S A HIT AS FATHER'S SON

"Her Father's Son" is the clever title of the remarkable Morosco-Paramount photoplay playing the Bijou tonight and Saturday. A poor father and a rich uncle, who has no son, cause the tangle. France's father, dying, pledges her to this masquerading—as a boy.

Under her uncle's roof with his daughter Betty as a chum, the deception becomes very amusingly difficult. Many are the hazards and strange carryings-on of this whimsical young "man." A youth, who almost shot the old colored retainer; the "boy" who was always disappointing "his" uncle's expectations; the one who dreadfully shocked Betty by guilelessly walking into her boudoir to see the pretty dresses.

This is the youth that bore a remarkable likeness to Betty's girl cousin from St. Louis, a most eligible person, who stole the heart of a gallant young officer visiting the mansion. But into this most fascinating game of hide and seek comes an element that Frances hadn't reckon.

ed upon and which caught her unaware.

Beautiful little Vivian Martin as Frances carries the part with a spirit of mischief that is most fascinating.

#### Fashion in Haiti.

It is the ambition of almost every Haitian to possess a black suit for special occasions. If he is a private citizen without hope of political preference or place, he is content with a coat cut in sack effect. If he pretends to fashion, he likely wears a long cutaway. If he happens to be a general, or a member of congress, or an ex-member, or a minister, or ex-minister, he affects the extreme frock or prince albert, and the heavier and thicker the cloth, the happier the wearer, though he sweats in his raiment. It is also the ambition of every Haitian to have a pair of shoes for Sundays and funerals at least, as their possession raises him considerably in the social scale. If caught out with shoes on during a rain, the owner usually takes them off, puts them carefully under his jacket, and finishes the journey barefooted.

#### Wife to Husband.

"Why don't you put your mind on it and get a good cook?" demanded Jones, impatiently, of his wife. "Well," replied Mrs. Jones sweetly, "I guess it is because I don't know how, I never seemed to have a faculty for selecting people to live with."

#### "Stoo Much.

"Triplets," announced the nurse to the proud father. "Really," he replied, "I can hardly believe my own census."

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(By Dr. L. H. Smith, M. D.)

The public generally have a wholesome fear of dosing themselves with strong mineral purgatives, such as calomel or mercury. For promoting the appetite and digestion and to prevent or cure that "dark brown taste" in mouth, the coated tongue, the sallow complexion, and bad breath you should occasionally, and at least once a week, take a pleasant laxative or cathartic. Such a one is made up of the Mayapple, the dried juice of the leaves of aloes, and the root of jalap, made into a tiny pellet and coated with sugar. It was first put in ready-to-use form by Dr. Pierce nearly 50 years ago, and will almost always cure the inactive liver and biliousness. Insist on getting Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—there are none so good.

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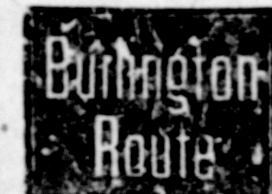
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Junbro Tomatoes, No. 3 cans, 2 for	25c
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Coffee, bulk, per pound	19c
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## The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

### TICK AND CATHY

BY F. H. SWEET

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"Tain't always the eddicated or the well dressed that—"

The finishing of Aunt 'Lizbeth's remark to the story she was reading was cut short by the entrance of Cathy.

"Sawed off thing out there askin' for Mis' Sherman," she snorted. "When I quired his business he told me to shoot for the boss, as he didn't treat with menials. Can I order him away?"

"No, Mebbe it's the plumber an' with leakin' pipes he's a man we can't worry none. Let him come in."

But it wasn't the plumber.

"Been lookin' over your place, ma'am," the caller said affably, as he advanced into the room. "Shows everywhere the need of a good, handy man like me. Ought to had me long ago—though, of course, not knowin' me, you're excusable. I fixed that saggin' barnyard gate as I come through."

"I been aimin' to balance that gate for a month, but couldn't seem to get to it," commented Aunt 'Lizbeth.

"Course not," cheerfully. "Two wimmen ain't s'posed to run a farm tidily, when they've got their hands full with housework an' chickens an' milkin'. Farm needs a man. Lucky I got hungry trampin' an' seen this house an' come in for a bite."

"Is it?" dryly. "I never give a bite to a tramp."

"Who said give?" indignantly. "I work for everything I ask. An' if you ain't got work, I guess I've got money." He jingled a pocket. "An' I ain't a tramp. I worked in a printin' shop where I come from. An' I was thinkin' of tinsmithin' at the next town. But I ain't farmed in quite a long spell, so I b'lieve I'd rather do that now. Started me to thinkin' so by seein' broken fences, winders saggin', stones an' gullies in roads that ought to be tended to, an' other things. I'm handy that way, an' I always like to work at what I'm handy with an' where I'm needed."

"Must be mighty old, the way you talk," scorned Cathy.

"I'm twenty-four, but age ain't nothin'." I started out at fourteen, makin' up my mind to be well rounded in all trades. That's why I've tried 'em."

"Plumbin'?" inquired Aunt 'Lizbeth.

"Three months with a bunch of robbers over in the next state. They sawed off my wages 'cause they said I was sawed off, so I oened a hole in a pipe I'd just fixed, an' left the water runnin'."

"Water's drippin' in my kitchen right now," lamented Aunt 'Lizbeth.

"Been doin' it since midnight. Runnin' everywhere. S'pose you fix it up as a special job, me not hirin' you regular?"

"But you are hirin' me regular," he grinned. "I know by the troubles cryin' to me from all over the place. Got any tools and things to mend the pipe with?"

"Cathy'll show you."

The fellow turned and regarded Cathy as he would an unusual curiosity, a provoking grin on his face.

"Pretty stingy on looks," he commented. "but that ain't sayin' she can't cook, which is the main point."

"Looks!" Cathy snapped. "Guess you never heard tell of a lookin' glass—Sawed off."

"I always did say I'd never marry a red-headed girl, even if she could cook," complacently. "But my name's Ticknor—commonly Tick. I like that better than Sawed Off. Kiddy keep it in mind, Firebrand."

"Look here," broke in Aunt 'Lizbeth brusquely. "I want this fussin' an' quarrelin' stopped right now. 'Cept you can, clear out. The leakin' pipe don't matter, for I've sent for this plumber twice, an' he'll come when he gets ready."

"Plumbers never come an' then they're ordered four times, an' then fussed at," calmly. "I know, for I'm one. Now I'll go an' fix the pipe."

Aunt 'Lizbeth's lips tightened as the two went back toward the kitchen. Cathy's angry answer rising high above the bantering voice of Tick.

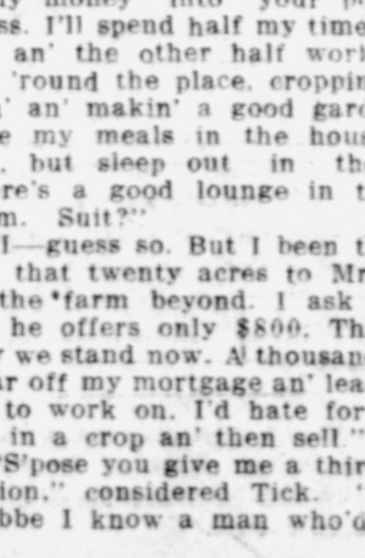
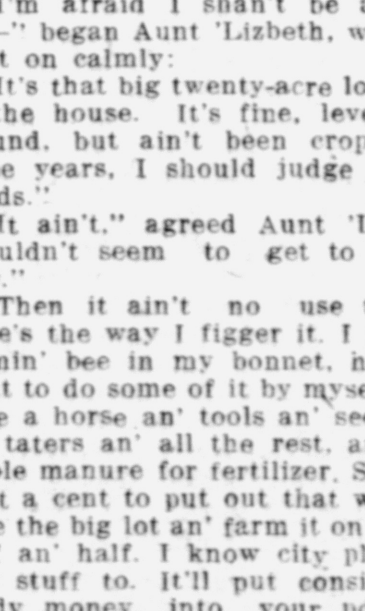
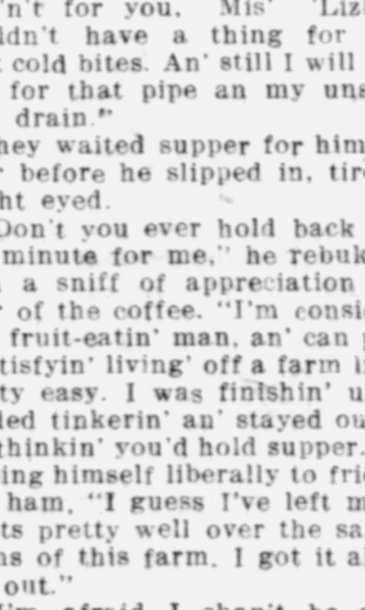
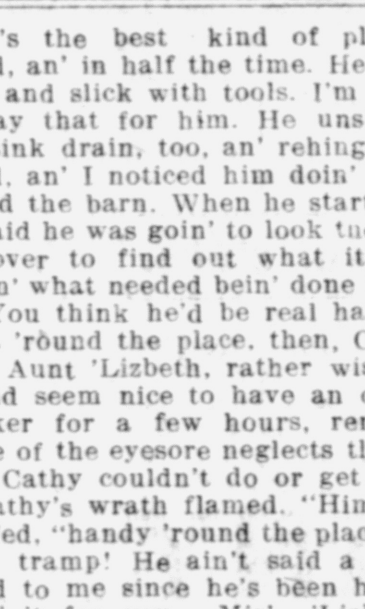
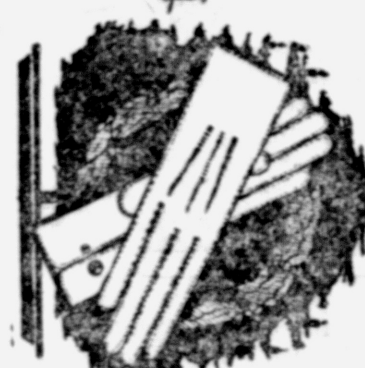
"I can't have them two in the house together, even if I could afford a man, which I can't," she thought. "If there's anything, I abominate it's fussin' in a house—though even that's better than spoonin'." The carpenter hired for two days tried to spoon with Cathy, till she slapped him. I declare for it, I was glad she did, too, though I do hate quarrels. But Cathy's a treasure even if she has a tongue. I guess there's little danger of losin' her, though, for no man's goin' to win Cathy with soft speeches. It's mean of me, but I'm real glad she's so homely. There, as a sudden banging came from the kitchen. "If he ain't got to work already! I'm tickled to have that job done, an' will find it real satisfyin' to send the other plumber packin' if he should come. I hope this Tick'll be willin' to job around through the day an' do what he can. I know the place needs a man's work, but when I have to plan an' scrape to keep just Cathy an' me goin' it's out of reason to think of more—not considerin' they'd everlastingly snap an' fuss. I'll tell him so frankly at dinner."

But when dinner came there was no Tick.

"All that starvin' was just talk," snapped Cathy. "But he stole enough along the road to keep him stuffed all the time. Anyhow, he filled his pockets with old apples out the crib sayin' they'd be plenty enough till supper, when I'm to have one fit for a king. The impudence of him!"

"Did he do the plumbin' job all right?"

"Yes," grugged Cathy, "just as



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## GUARD PERSUADED THAT ALL SHOULD LEARN TO FIGHT

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for that is every citizen's. Defense of the country is everybody's duty, and we don't think it is fair to shoulder it off on a small section of patriotic young men. We are convinced that universal military training is the equitable answer to the problem of national defense.

"Wisconsin troops went to the border an organization of green men," Captain Fowler said. "Today they return to La Crosse as first class trained soldiers. This is largely due to the efforts of that master of the art of war, Colonel Ran A. Richards, of Sparta."

"The men are disciplined and ready for anything that might come to them. They need only the experience of an engagement or two to make them the equals of soldiers anywhere."

### More Than Border Safety

"Secretary of War Baker said recently in a letter to all companies, that the service of the national guard stopped the inroads of bandits into Texas and served to bring about a peaceful solution to an exceedingly embarrassing situation. But in a wider sense the service of the guard on the border was a greater benefit to the country. The guardsmen are now spread throughout the United States and ready to serve as the nucleus of a greater army should the occasion arise."

"Training in the art of war is more necessary for men who are to engage in it than training for a football squad who are to play that game. With the army it is a matter of life and death and the destiny of nations. In these days war has become exceedingly complex and it requires years of study to prepare those in higher commands. Enlisted men can be thoroughly trained in six months. The guardsmen taken to the border proved this."

"The regular army officer—speaking in reference to Bryan's 'army of a million' said: 'If they would send us an army of a million sheep there would be something to it—we could eat the sheep, but a million untrained men are simply in the way. I believe this to be true.'"

"The mob has no more chance of prevailing against an organized force than eleven men, picked up on the street, would have against the Harvard eleven."

"Our service on the border has brought home to most of us the conviction that there should be universal military training. War is deplorable. No one hates it worse than those who really know by experience what it means, but men are selfish and all history shows that nations are prone to take what they can safely get."

"War is almost as sure to come to this country as the sun shining in the heavens. The only sane plan is to prepare for any disagreeable business which cannot be avoided."

Captain Fowler declared that Major C. R. Williams, General Charles King and Adjutant General Orlando B. Holway, a former resident of La Crosse, were veritable towers of strength to Wisconsin soldiers."

"It is through the efforts of these men, largely," he said, "that the national guard of Wisconsin ranks among the very best in the United States."

### Real Wisdom.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "one of the biggest mistakes you kin make is to find too much fault wif other folks' mistakes."

### Wings for Skaters.

Wings to be strapped to the arms and legs to enable skaters to make use of the wind, form the subject of a recent patent.

good's the best kind of plumber could, an' in half the time. He's real neat and slick with tools. I'm bound to say that for him. He unstopped my sink drain, too, an' rebinged the blind, an' I noticed him doin' things round the barn. When he started off he said he was goin' to look the farm all over to find out what it could do an' what needed bein' done most."

"You think he'd be real handy to have 'round the place, then, Cathy," said Aunt 'Lizbeth, rather wistfully. It did seem nice to have an outside worker for a few hours, removing some of the eyecore neglects that she and Cathy couldn't do or get to."

Cathy's wrath flamed. "Him," she scoffed, "handy 'round the place! The poor tramp! He ain't said a decent word to me since he's been here. If two'n't for you, Mis' 'Lizbeth, I wouldn't have a thing for supper 'cept cold bites. An' still I will uphold him for that pipe an' my unstopped sink drain."

"They waited supper for him a half hour before he slipped in, tired, but bright eyed."

"Don't you ever hold back a meal one minute for me," he rebuked, yet with a sniff of appreciation at the odor of the coffee. "I'm considerable of a fruit-eatin' man, an' can pick up a satisfyin' living off a farm like this pretty easy. I was finshin' up some needed tinkerin' an' stayed out later, not thinkin' you'd hold supper. Well, helpin' himself liberally to fried eggs and ham, 'I guess I've left my foot-prints pretty well over the sands an' loams of this farm. I got it all planned out."

"I'm afraid I shan't be able to," began Aunt 'Lizbeth, when he went on calmly:

"It's that big twenty-acre lot south of the house. It's fine, level, rich ground, but ain't been cropped in three years. I should judge by the weeds."

"It ain't," agreed Aunt 'Lizbeth. "Couldn't seem to get to it, no-how."

"Then it ain't no use to you. Here's the way I figger it. I got the farmin' bee in my bonnet, hard. I want to do some of it by myself. You have a horse an' tools an' seed corn an' taters an' all the rest, an' good stable manure for fertilizer. So there ain't a cent to put out that way. I'll take the big lot an' farm it on sheers, half an' half. I know city places to sell stuff to. It'll put considerable ready money into your pocket, I guess. I'll spend half my time on the lot, an' the other half workin' for you 'round the place, coddlin' tinkerin' an' makin' a good garden. I'll have my meals in the house with you, but sleep out in the barn. There's a good lounge in the tool room. Suit?"

"I guess so. But I been tryin' to sell that twenty acres to Mr. Bush, of the 'farm beyond. I ask \$1,000, an' he offers only \$800. That's the way we stand now. A thousand would clear off my mortgage an' leave a little to work on. I'd hate for you to get in a crop an' then sell."

"S'pose you give me a thirty days' option," considered Tick. "I think mebbe I know a man who'd like to

buy the lot, but he'd want a few weeks to think it over."

"All right," acceded Aunt 'Lizbeth. "Go ahead, but you take the risk in plantin'."

Thirty days later, Tick entered Aunt 'Lizbeth's room with a brisk, businesslike air. Cathy followed him to the door with an embarrassed self-consciousness she had never shown before.

"Why, Cathy," Aunt 'Lizbeth called at sight of her, "where have you been all the afternoon? I ain't seen you since dinner."

"She drove into town with me," answered Tick for her. "We got married, an' got the money."

"Got married—you!" echoed Aunt 'Lizbeth feebly. "Why, you've hated each other."

"Has seemed that way," assented

Tick. "But I been lyin' to you right along, in a concealin' way, Mis' 'Lizbeth. What I really come in here for was to study Cathy—though she didn't know. My grand-dad was her grand-dad-in-law or something, but with us not knowin' each other nor related in any way. Grand-dad was an umbrella mender, an' felt himself awful rich, with a whole thousand dollars in a bank. He didn't want it to go out of the family, so left it to us if we'd get married. I sneered at the thought, then thought I'd better run down an' look her over. Cathy's got some good points."

"An' you, Cathy," asked Aunt 'Lizbeth. "How do you feel about it?"

"Tick has some good points, too," guardedly. "I do hold up for a man who eats hearty, an' that's Tick. But

you needn't feel flustered, Mis' 'Lizbeth, for we're goin' to stay on just the same, 'cept payin' the thousand dollars for the lot."

### The Proper Bait.

A Methodist bishop was visiting at the home of a friend who had two charming daughters. One morning he accompanied the two young women to a pond where they started to fish. An old angler a little farther along saw them and, wishing to appear friendly, called out: "Ketchin' many, pard?"

The bishop straightening himself up, replied: "Brother, I am a fisher of men." "You've got the right kind of bait, all right," returned the old chap, with a glance at the girls.

## REPORT RUMANIAN PREMIER RESIGNED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—Resignation of the Rumanian premier at Jassy, the new capital of that monarchy, was announced in dispatches received here Friday. A new cabinet has not yet been formed.

### GIFTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Christmas presents for stockholders were announced Thursday afternoon by the Royal Baking Powder company, which declared a two per cent extra dividend and the Phelps Dodge company, which declared a \$10 extra dividend.

## A New FISK Branch

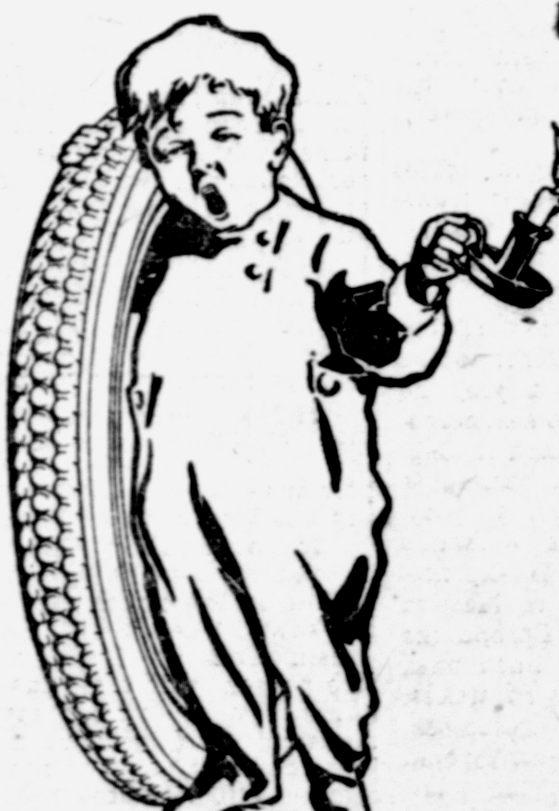
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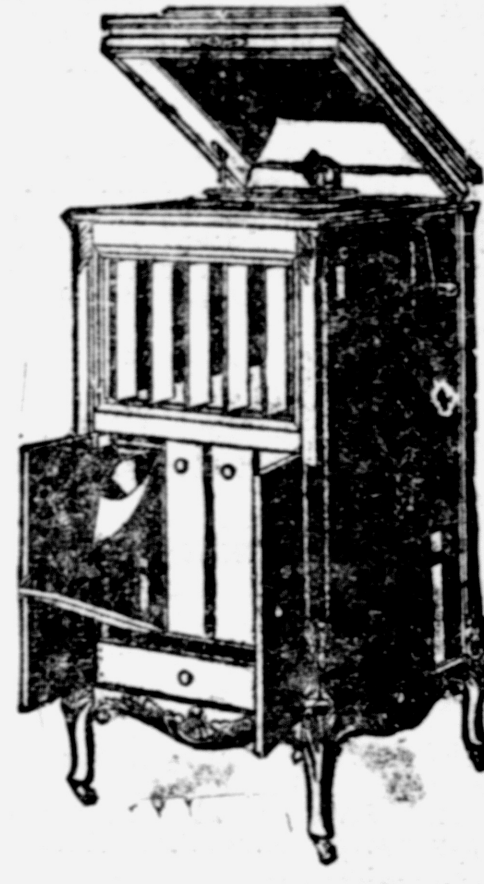
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## OLDEST MASON OF TREMPPEALEAU DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Charles W. Thomas Succumbs; Only Four Residents Remember When He Settled in the Village

TREMPPEALEAU, Wis. — (Special.)—Charles W. Thomas, a resident of Trempealeau for sixty years, died at his home here at midnight Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas would have been 83 years old had he lived until the 18th of next January.

Charles Willis Thomas was born January 18, 1834, at Moorefield, Va., the only child of John and Elizabeth Thomas. His father dying when he was but an infant, he remained with his mother until 1855, when he left home and came west. Mr. Thomas spent about a year in Indiana, Illinois points working at his carpenter.

From Fulton, Ill., Mr. Thomas made the trip by river to Winona, where he remained a short time working at his trade.

Mr. Thomas did all the wood work and got out all the casings, doors and window frames for the first brick building in Winona. For over forty years he was the leading contractor and builder in this community and nearly every building in this village shows signs of his handiwork.

Mr. Thomas was the oldest Mason in Trempealeau county. He joined Trempealeau lodge in 1863, when it was doing work under special dispensation from the grand lodge, before receiving its charter.

Four people are still living here that were here when Mr. Thomas first located. They are John Crossen, Mrs. Arthur Grover, Mrs. Goodhue and Miss Mary Brandenberg.

Mr. Thomas was employed with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and built the first line of depots and buildings for that company between New Alm and Tracy. He was also employed with the Chicago, Burlington & Great Northern and built a number of depots and buildings for that line between Savanna and St. Paul, the present depot at Trempealeau being one of them.

Mr. Thomas was twice married. In 1857 he was married to Arabella Seymour, who died August 6, 1871. Two children survive this union. They are Willis C. Thomas of Trempealeau, and Mrs. F. W. Kimball of Cleveland, Ohio. In July, 1872, he was married to Eliza J. Bingham of Arcadia, who survives, him together with four children, Mrs. W. E. Sparling, La Crosse; Frank C. and Harley A. of Chicago, and Miss Mae Thomas of Trempealeau.

Mr. Thomas was one of those kind, friendly souls whose gentle manner touched the tender cords of comradeship in one's heart. The funeral was held in the Congregational church Friday afternoon, Rev. Chas. Freeman of Galesville in charge. The Masons attended in a body and assisted in the ceremony. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

Miss Ella Johnson left Thursday for Rochester.

Miss Berg and Miss O'Brien were Winona shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keefe are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Weefe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor were guests in Winona Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bigham and son Vern of St. James are visiting his sister, Mrs. C. W. Thomas.

S. D. Williams and family were Winona shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams and son of Fairview, Mont., are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams.

Mrs. Otto Hermanson is in the sanitarium at Prairie du Chien.

Mrs. Eda Atwood is visiting friends and relatives in Beaver Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Growt were La Crosse shoppers Monday.

Mr. Will H. Nicholls of La Crosse has purchased the Nels Sandgrens saloon and has reopened it.

Hallie Gibson was a La Crosse visitor the last of the week.

E. D. Smith returned Monday from Mason City, Iowa.

Mrs. F. M. Winters was a Winona visitor the last of the week.

Emil Rotary of Arcadia and Attorney Barlow were here in the interests of the Luna Products company.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bigham and son Vern were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Thomas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Putnam and Mr. and Mrs. John Towner were Winona shoppers Friday.

Frank and Harley Thomas were summoned home Tuesday by the death of their father, C. W. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Nye Adams of Mt. Hope are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Gable were La Crosse shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have moved into the Joe Hannam residence.

Messrs. and Mesdames L. E. Putnam and Charles Maxwell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trowbridge Saturday evening.

Mrs. Cyril Holmes is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Case of Canton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams entertained at dinner Sunday evening, their guests being Messrs. and Mesdames George Gibbs, H. L. Sparling, Will Nicholls, Floyd Adams, Nye Adams, George Adams of Mt. Hope, Mr. Carroll Nicholls and Charlotte Nicholls.



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MACKINAW—Boys' all wool coats, \$3.50; Men's all wool coats, \$5.50 and up.

HATS—\$3.00 Cambridge Hat \$2.50.

GLOVES—Ireland, \$1.00 and up.

NECKWEAR—In Christmas boxes, 25c up.

HOSIERY—In Christmas boxes, silk, lises, etc.

UNDERWEAR—Stephenson, Wilson Bros. all wool two-piece and union suits. Good heavy weight suits at \$2.75.

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SWEATERS—Boys' pure wool, \$1.75. Boys' extra heavy rope knit, all wool, \$4.00. Men's pure wool at \$3.25. Heavy rope knit, at \$4.00 and \$5.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS—In Christmas boxes, initial, 3 for 25c, 2 for 25c, 25c and 50c.

COMBINATION SETS—50c and \$1.00, such as Tie, Hose and Handkerchiefs, Tie and Handkerchiefs, Tie and Note Book, etc.

Flannel Shirts, Boys' Waists, Suit Cases and Bags, Suspenders, Fobs, Cuff Links, Mufflers, Caps, Garters, Belts, Collars, Pajamas.

We guarantee satisfaction; we refund money either before or after Christmas on goods that are not exactly what you want.

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### North Side Briefs

O'Neil Shoe Store. Xmas kicks. Born, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ryser, 1643 Charles street, a daughter.

Mrs. F. W. Kruger, 831 Avon street, has returned from a few days' visit in Mauston.

The condition of Mrs. Ole Simonsen, ill at the Lutheran hospital, is reported improved.

Richard Ryan has moved his household good to 1339 Caledonia street.

Mrs. Herbert Brown, 1526 Charles street, has left for a visit in Chicago.

W. C. Nichols, 1646 George street, is transacting business in Trempealeau.

Mrs. Carl Ruud, Westby, is renewing north side acquaintances. Henry Molladahl was to entertain.

the Young People's society of the Bethel Lutheran church in the church parlors Friday night.

The Men's league of North Presbyterian church held a hard times party Thursday evening.

Oldest Fort in the New World. It is a fascinating experience to visit Santo Domingo and wander amid the ruins of the ancient city, from the fortifications of Homenaje, the oldest in the new world, to the first stone church built on this side of the Atlantic, and to the tomb of the great discoverer. Nowhere else in this hemisphere are there scenes fraught with more historical significance to Americans than here, where Columbus had his hour of triumph and his hour of sorrow, and where, when he had embarked upon the great voyage from which he would never return to endure the fickle favor of petty princes, his ashes finally found repose.

### REDUCE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

## Cut Prices on MEATS

of all kinds Saturday. It will pay you to investigate.

Beef Roast	11c to 12½c	Pork Roast, per pound	16c
Chickens	16c to 18c	Mutton, per pound	11c to 15c
Hamburger Steak, per pound	15c	Soup Meat, per pound	9c

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### CITY NEWS TICKER

**Circuit Court Ends**  
The present term of circuit court was brought to an end on Friday, at least as far as jury trials are concerned, when Judge Edward C. Higbee dismissed the juryman from further service. A circuit court jury decided against the La Crosse Scrap Iron and Metal Company on Thursday in the company's suit against Meier Wolf, junk dealer of Mason City, Ia. Wolfe was sued for the recovery of \$600, said to be due the scrap iron company on a contract for the purchase of rags.

Judge Higbee will hear the appeal of suit of the State Bank of La Crosse against David Deedon, Dakota farmer, whose note for \$100 is held by the bank.

**Church Incorporates**  
Incorporation papers for the First Congregational church of La Crosse were filed with Register of Deeds Andrew E. Thompson on Friday. The incorporators are Mary A. Eaton, George E. Mariner, George W. Burton and John P. Bird.

**Advice to Teachers**  
A teacher should be more of an adviser and less of a direct helper.

H. L. Miller, principal of the Madison high school, told the monthly gathering of city school teachers on Wednesday in the high school auditorium. He said that teachers should let the pupils do more of the explaining and that the teacher should only be on hand as an advisor in case of need. The teachers were very much interested and became very enthusiastic about Mr. Miller's speech. Harry Spence, principal of the Jefferson school, gave a favorable account of the Kenosha schools, which he inspected recently.

### HAWAII SHOWN IN HOWE FILMS

Hawaii is a part of the world that seems to have an artistic temperament. The types of its people, their customs, the scenery of the land, all are different and very attractively different. Americans first realized the art in things Hawaiian when its music came to the United States. They will now more fully appreciate the land that inspires such music. The artistic atmosphere of Hawaii cannot be described in words. It requires moving picture film to comprehensively explain its beauty. This has been accomplished by Lyman H. Howe who brings his new Travel Festival to the La Crosse theater on Monday and Tuesday nights and Tuesday matinee, Dec. 18 and 19. The series includes a remarkable travel experience with a visit to the fiery crater of a volcano which adds some thrills to a most pleasing impression of Uncle Sam's island possession.

Other interesting features will be medieval and modern Spain; Norway with its immense herds of reindeer, fjords and towering mountains; beautiful specimens of birds and fresh water fish in natural colors; the United States Military Academy at West Point and diversified activities by the splendidly trained cadets, and all new animated cartoons.

**Friendship Without Alloy.**  
Friendship, to be valuable, must be uttered, just as gold must be pure to be really gold. Every grain of alloy pulls the assay down. If your friend is but moderately your friend, and not altogether your friend; if his eyes look into yours with any lack of frankness or confidence; if he commits himself to you guardedly and stands for you only part of the time; if he can listen unprotestingly when others speak slightlying of you, his alleged friendship is of no real avail.—Richard Wightman.

**It Helps.**  
It is told of Doctor Johnson that, in the course of his last illness, when he could not open his letters, he asked Boswell to read them for him. Boswell opened a letter from some person in the north of England—of a complimentary kind, and thinking it would fatigue Doctor Johnson to have it read aloud, merely observed that it was highly in his praise. Doctor Johnson at once desired it to be read to him, and said with great earnestness, "The applause of a single human being is of great consequence."

### IN COAT OF MAIL SHOOTS UP COURT



The human arsenal in his home-made coat of mail.

Dressed in a home-made coat of sheet iron, wearing iron shoes and a 33-inch sword, Michael Inik, a lunatic, shot and seriously wounded several persons in a Hammond (Ind.) courtroom, including Judge Charles E. Greenwald. Inik was injured while in the employ of the Standard Oil Co. ten years ago, and became insane while fighting for damages.

**Why We Should Be Fat.**  
A liberal allowance of fat is needful for perfecting the shape of the body. Fat gives form and roundness to the body. Fat is needed to help maintain and regulate the body heat. Fat people do not feel uncomfortable from the chilling blasts of winter as do their less favored lean and lank brothers. Fat acts as a reserve substance which the body can draw upon for nutrition in case of emergency, too. If one is inclined to grumble about his weight let him think what it would mean to him to be deprived of his useful protective covering of fat. Deterioration in health usually results when there is a marked loss of fat from the body.

## FIRE

We always have a good fire in our stove these cold days. Stop and get warm.

## Remember, This Selling Out Sale On 'Till All Suits and Overcoats Are Sold Out.

Do not pay fancy profits for your Christmas present, buy at this sale and save from ONE-THIRD TO ONE-HALF on everything in this Store.

**Saturday Special**  
75c and \$1.00 Men's fine Dress Shirts, Saturday only ..... **39c**

**Saturday Special**  
50c and 75c Ladies' Silk Hose, in most all shades, Saturday only ..... **29c**

**Saturday Grand Jewelry Sale**  
All 50c Scarf Pins for --- **10c**  
All Brooches, Stick Pins, Watch Chains, Cuff Buttons.....One-half Price

**Saturday Blue Serge Suit Sale**  
**\$10 OFF On All Blue Serge Suits**  
\$20.00 Blue Serge Suits, Saturday at ..... **\$10.00**  
\$22.50 Blue Serge Suits, Saturday at ..... **\$12.50**  
\$25.00 Blue Serge Suits Saturday at ..... **\$15.00**

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## GREECE ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM OF ALLIES, REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Greece has  
accepted the allies' ultimatum, a  
Central News dispatch from Athens  
announced Friday.

The terms of the allies' ultimatum  
have not been made known. The original  
demands made on Greece were for  
surrender of her arms, control  
of the telegraph and postal systems  
by allied officials and guarantee of  
Greece's neutrality.

The original demand for disarmament  
was made by the French vice  
admiral setting a time limit for com-  
pliance.

Greece made partial acquiescence,  
but further complications intervened,  
and finally the allies landed troops  
at Piraeus which marched to Athens.  
There was fighting in the outskirts of  
the city between these forces and  
Greek reservists. The allies alleged  
treachery and as a measure of reprisal  
immediately instituted a blockade  
of Greece and put a ban on departure  
of Greek shipping from allied ports.  
Presumably the reported surrender  
to the ultimatum as above comes be-  
cause Greece foresaw being starved  
out.

There have been a number of in-  
dications that in the interim between  
establishment of the blockade and  
Friday's reported action, King Con-  
stantine has been communicating  
with Berlin, possibly with the hope  
of throwing his lot with the Teutonic  
powers and affecting a junction of  
his forces with German troops in the  
Balkans.

Indicate Ultimatum Acceptable  
ATHENS, Dec. 14.—(Delayed).—  
That the allies' ultimatum in the  
Greek situation will prove acceptable  
to the Greek government in principle  
was indicated Thursday, following  
a meeting of the cabinet and crown  
council at which King Constantine  
presided.

## PERSONALS

B. A. Yeomen meeting, dance Tues.  
E. C. Kerr, West Liberty, Iowa,  
was a business visitor here Thurs-  
day.

Dr. F. A. Douglas, specialist, Eye,  
Ear, Nose and Throat, associated  
with Dr. E. R. Mulford, 223 Main St.,  
Charles Knudson, West Salem,  
spent Thursday here transacting busi-  
ness and visiting friends.

If you want carriage get the  
Gateway City Trans. Co. Phone 179.  
A. L. Steen, Madison, spent Thurs-  
day in La Crosse on a business mis-  
sion.

Order an auto for any occasion  
from the Radke Taxi. Phones 422.  
W. G. Wood, Oshkosh, Wis., spent  
Thursday at a local hotel.

The alternating current power  
system in the downtown district will  
be shut down on Sunday, Dec. 17th,  
from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. for new cable  
work. Wis.-Minn. Light and Power  
Co.

L. D. Kitowski, Stevens Point,  
was a business visitor in the city on  
Thursday.

Art leather for fancy work, at  
Langdon's.

F. G. Jackson was her transacting  
business Thursday. He returned to  
his home in Winona, Minn.

Moccasins make fine Christmas  
gifts. Langdon's.

Miss Belle Wartinbee, 1442 Wood  
street, is visiting friends in Pepin.

Christmas gift novelties, 10c to  
\$1.50. Norma E. Partridge, 1433  
Charles street. Open from 9 a. m.  
to 9 p. m. until Christmas.

Myron Swennes, 1417 Berlin  
street, has returned from a visit in  
Port Sheridan, Ill.

## BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NORMAL

The biggest Christmas party ever  
held at the normal school is that  
planned by the Women's league for  
this holiday season. The Women's  
league has already passed out in-  
vitations to the entire student body  
and to members of the faculty and  
their wives to be on hand Thurs-  
day, December 21, in the gym, with  
a small gift and a small lunch. The  
exchanges will be made in conformity  
with the plans worked out by the  
committee appointed for the occa-  
sion. What attractions have been pro-  
vided will be left unknown until the  
get-together is pulled off.

## All the Druggist's Fault.

Belinda was beautiful—so beautiful!  
And for that same beauty Brown mar-  
ried her.

It didn't take him long to discover  
that behind her beauty lay very little  
brain. She was an absolute duffer at  
cooking.

"Joseph, dear," she cooed one even-  
ing when he came home from business,  
"I have made you such a lovely rice  
pudding for your supper!"

"Thank you, dear!" replied Joseph  
meekly, hoping for the best.

"I was going to make some sponge  
cake, too," she went on, "but my plans  
were upset."

"Were they, dear?" asked Joseph,  
cheering up at his narrow escape.

"What was the trouble?"

"It was all the druggist's fault!" she  
pouted. "He forgot to send the sponges  
I ordered this morning!"

## In Duty Bound.

Professor—"Young gentlemen, it is  
my duty and privilege to create in you  
a thirst for knowledge." Student—  
"Now you have helped me to solve a  
problem over which I have been puzz-  
ling for some time." Professor—"In-  
deed, I am pleased to have been of as-  
sistance. May I ask in what particu-  
lar I have enlightened you?" Student  
—"I never could understand before  
why all your lectures are so dry."—  
Christian Herald.

## SOCIETY

### PLAN CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Sunday school of the North  
Presbyterian church is busily pre-  
paring for the Christmas exercises  
which will this year be held on the  
evening of Christmas day. The an-  
nual musical service of the North  
church will be held on Christmas  
eve at 7:45 o'clock.

### HARD TIMES SOCIAL

The Men's league of the North  
Presbyterian church were hosts at a  
most enjoyable hard times social at  
the church parlors Thursday evening.  
A fair crowd was in attendance de-  
spite the fact that many people were  
at the station to welcome home the  
returning soldiers. Many of those  
attending were attired in hard times  
costumes, and many amusing and  
clever combinations were seen. A  
musical program was given, consist-  
ing of vocal selections by Miss Dor-  
othy Alleman and Herbert Hanson, a  
piano duet by Misses Doris and Freda  
Kathary, and a reading by Mrs. Har-  
ry Spence. Hard times refreshments  
of wiener sandwiches, coffee and  
doughnuts were served.

### FOR MISS TAUSCHE

Mrs. Myron S. Locke was hostess  
at an informal afternoon affair on  
Thursday at her home, 319 South  
Sixteenth street, complimentary to  
Miss Margaret Tausche. There were  
nine guests, and the afternoon was  
spent in sewing for the bride-to-be.  
The serving table was attractive  
with its holiday decorations, a mi-  
niture Christmas tree decked with  
tiny kewpies and slippers and Chris-  
mas tapers, forming the central fea-  
ture. At the corners of the table  
were placed larger kewpies dressed  
as brides.

### ROTARY CLUB HAS PARTY

The members of the Rotary club  
enjoyed a social time at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Ritter,  
North Tenth street, Thursday eve-  
ning. Progressive clench was played,  
high honors going to Mrs. Ella Rohr  
and Walter Stannard. Second prizes  
were awarded to Mrs. Axel Bertel-  
son and Larry Scherhart, while con-  
solation prizes went to Mrs. E. Olson  
and Axel Bertelsson. Refreshments  
were served.

### SEITZ-JEHL

Miss Cora Catherine Jehlen,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Jehlen,  
and Emil G. Seitz were united in  
marriage at the St. Joseph parsonage  
Thursday morning. Rev. Pope per-  
forming the ceremony. There were  
no attendants and only immediate  
relatives witnessed the ceremony. Mr.  
and Mrs. Seitz left at noon for a  
ten-day visit at Milwaukee, Chicago  
and Springfield, Ill.

### CARD PARTY

Mrs. Edward Olson, 1424 Jackson  
street, entertained a party of friends  
at cards Thursday afternoon. High  
honors were won by Mrs. A. Burand  
and Mrs. T. Berry, while the con-  
solation went to Mrs. Paul Vidani.  
Those present were the Mesdames  
Amroe Aiken, Tom Berny, A. Burand,  
E. Hess, H. Schlicht, G. Sokolik and  
Paul Vidani.

### COFFEE

Mrs. Thomas L. Vought entertain-  
ed four ladies at a coffee at her  
home, 2303 Locust street, yesterday  
afternoon in honor of Mrs. F. C.  
Grayburn of Manitowish, Alberta, Can.  
The other guests included the Mes-  
dames Frank Alham, John Ott and  
J. C. Parish.

### IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. George F. Hauser had as her  
guest for a few days this week Miss  
Helen Nelson of Houston, Minn.

Mrs. Lee Melcher, 802 Ferry street,  
is laid up with an injured foot, caused  
by stepping on a needle.

### BUTTON EXPORTS DOUBLED

The American export trade in but-  
tons increased 79 per cent in 1915  
as compared with the preceding year,  
and reports received by the bureau  
of foreign and domestic commerce,  
department of commerce, indicate  
there are prospects of further expan-  
sion. Under normal conditions, all  
the world, except the United States  
and Canada, buys this class of manu-  
factured articles from Austria-Hun-  
gary, Germany, France, Italy, Eng-  
land, Japan, and to a small extent  
from Spain. The United States man-  
ufactures enough to meet about nine-  
tenths of its own requirements and  
more than half the supply of Cana-  
da, which has some factories of its  
own. Under present conditions,  
however, with the hitherto largest  
sources cut off, all the button-using  
countries of the world, except the  
central European empire, must de-  
pend more or less upon the manu-  
facturers of the United States, Japan,  
Italy and Spain, among which the  
United States is far the largest pro-  
ducer.

### Remembering Names.

If you are introduced to a stranger  
and don't catch his name, just call him  
Brown, and he'll make the correction  
himself. Invariably he will reply, "not  
Brown—Smith is my name," unless it  
happens to be Jones, Zim writes in  
Cartoons. Anyhow, the odds are in  
your favor that it's either Smith,  
Brown or Jones. It is decidedly em-  
barrassing to have a fellow step up to  
you with outstretched paw, a broad  
grin, and the expectation that you will  
fall on his neck. You stare at him in  
bewilderment, and he says: "Don't  
know, do you?" You say: "Yes, I  
don't." "Well, well," says he, "can't  
guess? Now guess hard,"—meanwhile  
gripping your hand so that you can't  
skip off. "All right," say you, "I be-  
lieve it's Smith." "Nope." "Brown,  
then?" "Nope." "Oh, I know you, you  
rascal. You're Jones!" "There, I knew  
you hadn't forgotten me," he says, the  
gentle liar.

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AT  
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Ribbon Novelties, Sweet Grass  
Baskets, 35c values at ..... **25c**  
Children's Handkerchiefs, put up 3 in fancy  
box, 19c values, at per  
box ..... **12½c**  
Ladies' all Linen and Silk Embroidered and  
Initialed Handkerchiefs, 35c values at ..... **25c**

Ladies' fancy Initialed and Embroidered  
Handkerchiefs spe- 5c 10c 15c  
cially priced, each  
Breakfast Caps in the newest novelties,  
at each ..... **25c 50c \$1.00**  
Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs at each  
**10c 15c 25c 35c 50c**  
Fancy Corset Covers in pink and  
white, 75c quality at ..... **49c**  
Leather Hand Bags and Purses at each  
**50c and \$1.00**

## HOUSTON GIRLS COME HERE FOR XMAS VACATION

HOUSTON, Minn.—(Special).—  
Gus Anderson was a La Crosse busi-  
ness caller Tuesday.

Miss Constance Lokken spent the  
week-end at Winona.

Mrs. T. Norskog and Miss Nora  
Foss did shopping at La Crosse on  
Thursday.

Ralph Wheaton of Crystal Valley,  
was a Houston business caller on  
Thursday.

Mrs. G. E. Steves is ill at her home.  
The Misses Laura Onsgard and  
Gladys Tennison are home from  
Northfield, where they attend the  
St. Olaf College, for their Christ-  
mas vacation.

Miss Stella Waste was a La Crosse  
shopper Thursday.

Robin Foss of Yucatan was a  
Houston business caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Peterson of Whalen is visit-  
ing her mother, Mrs. Erickson, west  
of the village.

Miss Rose Lee returned home Wed-  
nesday after a visit with her sister,  
Mrs. Kragness of Badger.

Miss Marietta Lily returned home  
Wednesday after an extended visit  
with friends at Winona.

Miss Olga Dean was taken to Wi-

nona Monday, where she underwent  
an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Grace Todd of Money Creek  
was a visitor here Thursday.  
John Craig of Sheldon was a  
business caller Thursday.

## THE THIRD STAGE

It is related that in the great hall  
which Merlin built for King Arthur  
there were carved four towers of  
sculpture, "and in the lowest beasts  
were slaying men, and in the second  
men were slaying beasts, and in the  
third men were slaying each other"—  
so we have arrived at the third stage  
of our progress. In the fourth tower  
men were standing erect, growing  
wings. The wings have not sprouted  
—if we look across the waters and  
behold half the world trying to slay  
the other half.

Man is bound to win, even as he  
has so far won, but the greatest bat-  
tle is yet to be fought—the battle to  
do away with war. When beasts were  
slaying men, it seemed man could not  
hope to win. The beasts were strong-  
er and better armed. Their fangs and  
claws were sharper, they were more  
muscular; they could withstand  
greater punishment. But man won  
his battle, and in the second era we  
find him killing beasts—a mighty  
triumph. Now, he is killing his own  
fellows, as pictured in King Arthur's

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hall. He doesn't know why; not 1  
per cent of the men in the armies of  
the world understand why they are  
killing their fellows.  
But man is going to gain the mas-  
tery in this instance, even as he has  
gained the mastery over the beasts.  
He is going to conquer himself—the  
greatest task of all. When the war  
ended, he will stand on the edge of  
the battlefields and view the ground  
dotted with corpses. He will take  
stock of what he has done and figure  
the cost. And in the end he is going  
to find that, instead of conquering  
the foe, he has conquered himself.—  
Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch.



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Above: William Johnston (right) congratulating Norris Williams. Below:  
George Church (left) and R. Lindley Murray.

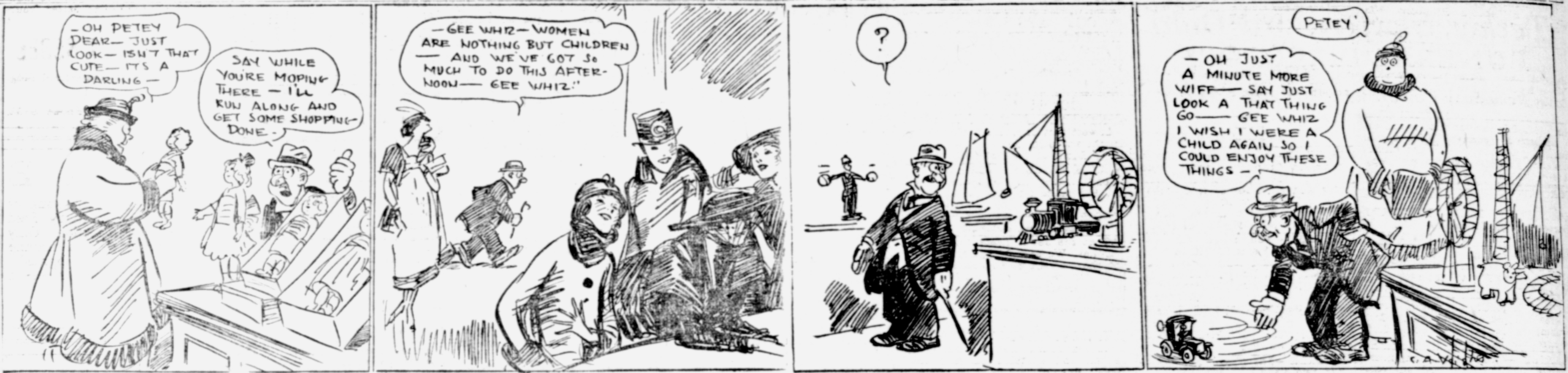
The many reversals of form among the leading tennis stars through  
the past season and the many upsets of the ranking of the lead-  
ing players a hard problem for the ranking committee. Norris Williams  
won the lead over William Johnston, though most everyone admits that  
for three sets Johnston is the greatest player in the world. George  
Church's great improvement was one of the features of the season. He  
won third place ahead of Lindley Murray, who has been ranked fourth.





PETEEY DINK—Maybe It Reminds Him of His Foolish Four

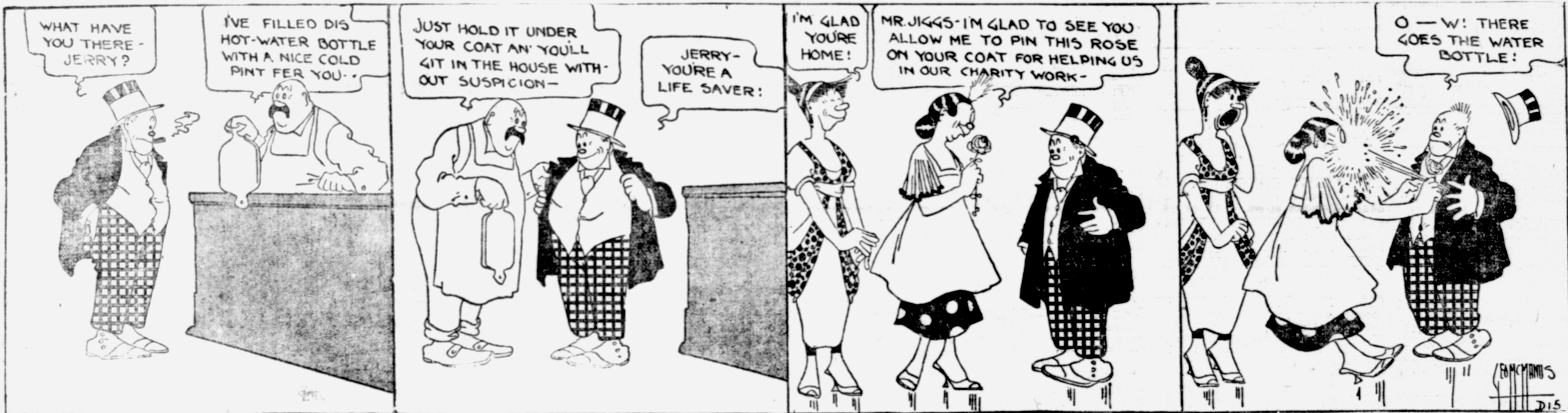
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By GEORGE McMANUS



THE HASKIN LETTER

High Prices And Congress

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.  
CONGRESS is planning its attack on the high cost of living. For the past two months thousands of petitions from people all over the country have been reaching the national capital, demanding relief from soaring food prices. For the past two months, too, it is quite likely that the members of congress themselves have been considerably irritated by the prices prevailing. At any rate, the second session had barely opened before

eleven bills were introduced, providing several stern methods of dealing with the situation.  
Mr. Fitzgerald of New York, for example, has introduced four bills on the subject. The first abolished the zone system of the parcel post and establishes a flat rate of 3 cents for the first pound or fraction thereof, and 1 cent for each additional pound. The purpose of this measure is to facilitate the transportation of foodstuffs direct from the producer to the consumer. The committee on the postoffice and post roads is now considering this proposition, and a report is expected before the first of the year.  
The second bill of Mr. Fitzgerald's quartet has to do with the regulation of cold storage—a matter that is now being agitated with some success by various states. Since the New York state commissioner of food and markets issued his ultimatum concerning the stamping of all cold storage eggs in the city of New York, every

small town and hamlet of the state have taken up the campaign and the price of eggs has dropped three cents. "There is no excuse for such exorbitant prices when the warehouses in the big cities are stored with food," says Mr. Fitzgerald, "and such storage should be prohibited by national proclamation."  
After these two bills were launched on the legislative docket, Mr. Fitzgerald brought up the matter of an embargo in the form of two bills—one authorizing the president to suspend the exportation of foodstuffs for a year, and the other providing that an embargo should be declared whenever prices became excessive. This was like setting fire to a whole bunch of firecrackers. Mr. Edmunds immediately introduced a bill, calling for an embargo on foodstuffs when they had reached the status of \$1.50 per bushel for wheat; 50 cents per bushel for oats; \$1.25 per bushel for rye; \$1 per bushel for corn, and \$1.25 per bushel for potatoes. Mr. Farr introduced a bill placing an embargo on wheat and wheat products. If, after investigation, it were considered necessary; while Mr. Martine of New Jersey introduced a resolution in the Senate, proposing an embargo on foodstuffs, and stating, "Unless relief of this character is secured at once intense suffering and privation will prevail throughout the country."

Besides these, a bill establishing a commission of sixteen members—eight from the house and eight from the senate—to investigate international commerce and the advisability of an embargo was introduced by Mr. Lindenberg. Mr. Van Dyke proposed that the departments of commerce, labor and agriculture should report not later than January 15 of next year on the total food supply of the United States, the amount required for home consumption, and the surplus left over for export—if any; and that the federal trade commission should report as to what extent the increase in prices was due to the speculation of middlemen. In another bill Mr. Sabath appropriated the sum of \$250,000 to the attorney general for an investigation into the cause of the "unreasonable advance" in prices not only of foodstuffs, but of cotton goods and dress fabrics, wood pulp and all kinds of paper, and coal. Mr. McKeller has yet another idea. His bill prohibited the ship-

ment between states of all adulterated and misbranded foodstuffs, and required all cold storage men to furnish the government with a list of the articles received by their warehouses daily.  
Thus congress has endeavored to cover the situation. If one of these bills fails to secure the necessary results, the other eight or ten should. The committee on interstate and foreign commerce, the committee on rules and the committee on the postoffice and post roads are all earnestly considering each of them at present and preparing their reports. If the second session of the sixty-fourth congress acts with the same dispatch as the first session, we may yet be able to buy eggs and milk and butter without pawing our cuff buttons.  
The truth of the matter is, as has already been pointed out, the whole world is fast approaching a famine. Starvation has already claimed the lives of thousands in Poland, Belgium, Servia, Armenia, Russia and

Austro-Hungary. Germany, we are told, is nearing the end of its potatoes. Hence, it is only natural that Europe should turn to the United States for food, where, unfortunately, food is also scarce, owing to this year's shortage in wheat, corn and potato crops. And this brings us to the remedy popular with a large section of the American public—the question of an embargo.  
A review of former embargoes in American history is somewhat discouraging to this measure, although conditions are not quite the same now as they were at our embargo period of 1794-1814. The first American embargo was laid on March 26, 1794, as a measure of retaliation against France and England, which were then at war. Napoleon started the trouble by his Berlin decree, announcing that England was in a state of blockade and all ships trading with her should be seized and carried into French ports. This decree was immediately answered by the British orders in council, dated June 8, 1793, in which England declared that she would stop any vessels attempting to carry on a trade with France, or any of its possessions, which then included the greater part of Europe.  
The United States was thus put in a difficult position, in which transportation across the Atlantic under any circumstances appeared dangerous. Mr. Jefferson was then president, and Mr. Jefferson was not prepared for, nor did he desire war. He therefore induced congress to declare an embargo on all American ships carrying commerce to Europe, the idea being that this would inflict a hardship on Europe. Unfortunately it did not. Europe at this time was perfectly able to get along without the assistance of the United States, but the United States was dependent to a certain extent upon Europe. Great commercial confusion especially in New England, which was the greatest manufacturing center, bitterly resented the restriction.  
Various embargo measures followed one another until 1908 when the commerce had fallen from \$108,343,156 in 1807, to \$22,430,960. The passage of the non-intercourse act, permitting commerce to go forward to all countries but France and England did not relieve the strain, and New England openly smuggled her

turkeys was reduced to eighteen cents a pound the day before Thanksgiving in Pittsburg. It is clear that the matter of foreign exportation is only one side to a question that has hundreds of different aspects.  
**PLAN PRAYER LEAGUE TO BRING ABOUT PEACE**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Plans for a world league of prayer to bring peace were laid at a meeting of the entire faculty, staff and student body of the Moody Bible institute here, and minister Thursday were working out the details of the organization.  
At prayer meetings Wednesday night, ministers said that the present crisis warranted an appeal to prayer that would be heard round the world.  
**GERMANS 62 MILES EAST OF BUCHAREST**  
BERLIN, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 15.—The right wing of the German army in Rumania has already advanced 62 miles east of Bucharest in eastern Wallachia, the official press bureau announced Thursday in a review of the Rumanian situation.  
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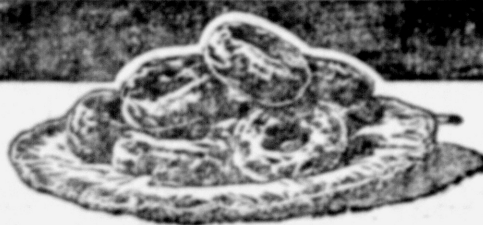
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### LOST

**LOST OR STRAYED—One black and tan fox hound**. Dec. 12, white tip on tail and speckled on face and breast. Reward. Notify J. R. Ames, Ferryville, Wis. R. 3. 12 15 21

**LOST—Light bay mare, weight 1200 pounds, small white mark on forehead**. Finder please notify or phone Wm. Berg, Bangor, R. 2. 12 15 16

**LOST—\$15 in bills in handkerchief** between 1900 and 1700 Kane. Return to North Side Tribune office. Reward. 12 15 16

**LOST—Thursday, package containing organic collar and cuff set**. Please return to Tribune. Reward. 12 15 17

**LOST—Tuesday evening, in or near high school, a black lynx muff**. Reward if returned to 1224 State. 12 14 16

**LOST—Irish water Spaniel. Answers to the name of "Curly"**. Return to 1446 Kane. Reward. 12 14 16

**LOST—An automobile starting crank**. Return to C. H. Holway Garage. Reward. 12 15 15

**LOST—Pair of nose glasses in Dr. Evenson case**. Return to Tribune. Reward. 12 1 17

**LOST—Eye glasses with trolley**. Return to 121 South 13th street. Reward. 11 15 17

### FOUND

**FOUND—An assortment of articles, including purses, beads, trinkets of various kinds, lost about the store**. Apply main office Doerflinger's. 12 15 18

### STOVES AND FURNITURE

**SECOND-HAND furniture and stoves**. Bell Furniture Co., 216 So. Third. 3 17 17

### AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

**USED FORDS**  
1912 Ford touring car \$130.00  
1913 Ford touring car \$150.00  
1914 Ford touring car \$185.00  
1915 Ford touring car \$215.00  
1916 Ford touring car \$265.00  
1915 enclosed Ford delivery car \$175.00

**HARRY DAHL**, Front and Main Sts. 12 13 18

**MODEL 86 1916 seven passenger, six cylinder Overland**, electric lights, starter, tires and paint all in good condition. Two sets chairs, two extra inner tubes, one extra casing. Price \$500. Harry Dahl, Front and Main streets. 12 15 20

**FOR SALE—One five passenger Carter-Car**, 35 horsepower, electric light and starter; Monroe roadster in A-1 shape; seven passenger, six cylinder Lozier in best of condition. Rybold & Wehaupt, 306-308-310 South Fourth street. 12 12 18

**FLANDERS four passenger or delivery**, \$150; Buick roadster, \$200; Studebaker five passenger, \$175. Elsen & Phillips, 110 South Second street. New phone 61, old phone 5613. 12 11 16

**1916 five passenger Case touring car**, electric lights and starter, good tires, newly painted, in excellent condition. \$475. Harry Dahl, Front and Main streets. 12 13 18

**FOR SALE—Bargains in used roadsters and touring cars from \$175 up**. Dietz Garage, 209 State. 10 14 17

### MISCELLANEOUS

**MR. & MRS. JNO. M. ANDERSON**, D. C. M. T. D. Chiropractic, massage. Experienced chiropractors. Office 1128 State St. Phone 1603-M. Consultation & spinal analysis free. 11 25 12 24

**WANTED—100 cords of bottom wood**, delivered to the different school houses. All bids must be received before Dec. 28th. Board of Education. 12 13 15

**WANTED—Live narrow stripe skunks, mink, coons and red foxes**. Double your fur prices. Write or call B. Tippman, 514 North Twelfth St., City. 12 15 28

**WANTED TO BORROW—\$11,000** on gilt edge security. Will pay 5 per cent. Address S. W. E., care of Tribune. 12 12 15

**WANTED—Old horses, must be cheap**. State lowest cash price, weight. 888 Care of Tribune. 12 15 21

**POSTGRADUATE in OBSTETRICS**—Miss Hoon, Masseuse, 219 South Fifth. Telephone 822-M. 10 2 11

**DRESSMAKING—Plain sewing or by the day**. New Phone 758-R. 12 14 1 13

**J. COLLINS & BRATZ**, box ball alleys, 324 Jay street. 12 11 16

**WANTED—Dressmaking**. 525 King. Phone 698-Blue. 12 12 18

**CINDERS for the burning**. Lutheran hospital. 10 7 17

### LEGAL NOTICES

**SUMMONS**  
State of Wisconsin, County of La Crosse, in Circuit Court.  
Anna Novicki, Plaintiff vs. Frank Novicki, Louis Novicki, Defendants.  
The State of Wisconsin, To the Said Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service, and defend the above entitled action in the Court aforesaid; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, of which a copy is herewith served upon you.

J. E. HIGBEE,  
Attorney for the Plaintiff.  
P. O. Address: La Crosse, La.

**ORDINANCE No. 574**  
AN ORDINANCE to establish and fix the salaries of officers and men of the fire department of the City of La Crosse, amending the second section of Ordinance number 512.

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 512 of the City of La Crosse is hereby amended to read as follows:  
Section 2. The following shall be the officers and employees of the Fire Department of the City of La Crosse, and their yearly salaries:

Chief of fire department including his salary as fire marshal	\$1,500.00
Captain of Fire Station No. 1	1,080.00
Captains of other stations	930.00
Lieutenant of Fire Station No. 1	960.00
Lieutenants of other stations	930.00
Electricians	1,020.00
Engineers	960.00
Drivers, Tillermen, Linemen	930.00
Pipemen and Truckmen who have been in the service of the department three years or over	900.00
Pipemen and Truckmen who have been in the service of the department two years or over	810.00
Pipemen and Truckmen who have been in the service of the department less than two years	720.00

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1917, after its passage and publication.

E. BENTLEY, Mayor.  
E. H. HOFFMAN, City Clerk.  
Passed December 8, 1916.  
Published December 15, 1916.

### Comparative Markets

This quotations show the General Trend of Prices for the Previous Week

**LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY**  
**UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 14.**—Hogs—Receipts, 50,000; market slow and steady; mixed and butchers, \$9.25 to \$10.00; good to heavy, \$9.50 to \$9.90; rough heavy, \$9.45 to \$9.60; light, \$8.95 to \$9.75; pigs, \$7.00 to \$8.75.  
Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market weak; beefs, \$6.90 to \$12.60; cows and heifers, \$3.75 to \$10.10; stockers and feeders, \$4.50 to \$7.75; Texans, \$7.75 to \$9.10; calves, \$9.25 to \$12.55.  
Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market steady to strong; native, \$8.75 to \$9.75; western, \$9.00 to \$9.75; native lambs, \$10.75 to \$13.25; western lambs, \$11.00 to \$13.25.

**LIVESTOCK WEEK AGO**  
**UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 7.**—Hogs—Receipts, 52,000; market slow, 5 to 10c lower; mixed and butchers, \$9.35 to \$10.20; good to heavy, \$9.55 to \$10.05; rough heavy, \$9.60 to \$9.75; light, \$9.00 to \$10.00; pigs, \$7.00 to \$8.80.  
Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; market steady; beefs, \$7.00 to \$12.75; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.60 to \$7.85; Texans, \$7.85 to \$9.30; calves, \$9.50 to \$13.25.  
Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market steady; native, \$8.30 to \$9.00; western, \$8.50 to \$9.25; native lambs, \$10.10 to \$12.85; western lambs, \$12.05 to \$12.85.

**Blessed Are the Humble.**  
My child, do your work with meekness and you will deserve love. The higher you rise, the humbler you be. Many live in fame and supremacy, but to the humble only are mysteries revealed. Seek not things too difficult and beyond your strength. But that which is assigned to you regard with esteem. Be not curious of things you have no business with. As it is, more is revealed to you than you are able to comprehend. Many are deceived by their own vain opinion; therefore boast not of knowledge you do not possess.—Ecclesiastes Apocryphal.

**To Wash Black Silk.**  
The water in which pared potatoes have been boiled is very good to wash black silks in. It stiffens and makes them glossy and black.

**Optimistic Thought.**  
He who saves in little things can be liberal in great ones.

## LOW LEVELS SET IN FOURTH PANICKY DAY ON EXCHANGE

**NEW YORK, Dec. 15.**—The fourth day of panicky dumping of stocks on the stock exchange, which was started on Tuesday by Germany's announcement of peace proposals, saw new low levels established Friday afternoon.

United States Steel, which has felt the force of the pounding hour after hour since the initial upset, was quoted at 109 1/4 at one time and at that figure showed a loss of \$20 a share from the high record price established recently.

The mad scramble to unload has resulted in four days' trading averaging two and a quarter million shares or more. At noon 1,300,000 shares had been dumped on the exchange floor, a large part of it on orders from business men of the country who had played the bull side consistently through two months of the greatest bull market Wall street has known since 1901.

The extent to which fortunes have been made or wiped out by the two million share market is as yet a matter of guess. Country traders suffered in the first crash and hundreds, perhaps thousands saw their speculative nest egg wiped off the boards. Professional traders, in many instances, had sold short and coined money on Tuesday. Since then the market has been whipsawed this way and that, bowling amateur dabblers and professional speculators without preference.

Two million four hundred thousand shares on Tuesday; 1,780,000 shares Wednesday; 2,500,000 shares Thursday, and an outlook for a two and a half million share day Friday tells the story of the rush to unload.



# Buy A FORD

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If you intend to become the owner of one of the new model Fords at any time in the next few months—if you intend to enjoy the comfort and luxury and real satisfaction that only a Ford can give—BUY YOUR FORD NOW.

For in spite of the tremendous capacity of the Ford factory it has been absolutely impossible for us to get cars fast enough to promptly fill the demand. In the busiest part of the season there are always ten buyers for every three cars we can supply. Therefore if you wait till February or March or April to place your order, you may have to wait for weeks before your order is filled. The one thing to do is to buy your new Ford now.

In the old days some people had an idea that automobiles were for summer use only, but they've gotten all over that now. They've found that automobiles are more necessary in winter than they are in summer, and give just as much enjoyment. You see almost as many cars on the boulevards in December as you do in May and June. And there's no car made in the world, no matter what its price, that gives better service or more complete satisfaction in winter driving than the always efficient Ford.

So whatever you do, *don't wait.* Get your NEW FORD NOW. Get the enjoyment, the convenience, the health it will give you this winter. Take a winter outing every day. Get some roses in your cheeks and the crisp tonic of winter ozone in your lungs.

Ford Chassis .....\$325 Ford Touring Car \$360 Ford Town Car...\$595  
Ford Runabout...\$345 Ford Coupelet .....\$505 Ford Sedan .....\$645

(All Prices F. O. B. Detroit.)

## HARRY DAHL

FRONT AND MAIN

### FRIENDS SURPRISE MINDORO MAN ON HIS BIRTHDAY

MINDORO. Wis.—(Special).—A party of friends gathered at the home of Nean Paisley Saturday evening

and gave Mr. Paisley a happy surprise in honor of his birthday.

#### Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bornets are the parents of a baby girl, which arrived Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfaff were Sparta visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Irvin Gullickson motored to La Crosse Saturday to see his father who is a patient at the Lutheran hospital there.

Alfred Hanson was a business caller at La Crosse the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stetzer and children visited at Frank Stetzers at Sand Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin left Wednesday for Lewiston, Minn., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Baldwin's mother.

Alex Hanson and Lawrence Saxton were La Crosse callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kepple motored to La Crosse Wednesday.

Florence Weida spent last week at Nelson Weida's in West Salem.

D. E. Congdon had business in La Crosse Monday.

Irvin, Rommel marketed hogs at West Salem Monday.

Valentine Kepple from Holmen was seen on our streets Wednesday.

Herbert Storandt purchased a Reo car from Congdon and Peterson last week.

P. J. Ruland is having his barber

shop remodeled and is planning to run two chairs in the future.

School closes here Friday for two weeks Christmas vacation. There will be a Christmas program in the town hall Friday evening by children from first, second, third, and fourth grades.

#### Blucher in the Hospital.

At the time of the seven years war there was very little knowledge of surgery, and the surgeons were often no more than barbers, inexperienced and uneducated. They were commonly known as the "Company of Pain," a name that fitted them admirably. Lieutenant Blucher, afterward the famous field marshal, was wounded in the foot by a musket ball. At the hospital to which he was carried several surgeons began to probe the wound and cut promiscuously in its vicinity. Finally Blucher inquired, in spite of the pain, "What sort of tailoring are you trying to do? The wound is large enough already. I should think!" "We're looking for the bullet," answered one of the offended surgeons. "Oh! Oh!" cried Blucher angrily. "Why didn't you tell me that before? I have it in my pocket." And with that he drew from his pocket the bullet, which he had extracted from the wound himself.

### JUDGE GETS VERDICT FROM PUBLISHING FIRM IN SUIT FOR LIBEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Magistrate Joseph C. Corrigan was awarded \$35,000 in his \$200,000 libel suit against the Bobbs-Merrill Publishing company Thursday.

George Bronson Howard's novel, "God's Man," which Corrigan alleged was an attack on him, was the basis of the suit. The novel draws a picture of a Tammany political judge and in one chapter places him in a famous resort of the city. Corrigan claimed Howard aimed the character drawing at him after he had decided a case against him in court.

Mrs. Margaret Saville, divorced wife of Howard, the author, was arrested during the trial on a perjury charge on an order from Justice Goff.

#### EXPECT COURT VACANCIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson is expected to have two more vacancies on the supreme court bench to fill within the next few months. Justices McKenna and Day, it is said, will retire, either shortly after the first of the year or at the close of the present term next June.

It is recognized that a matrimonial knot is the most serious tangle of all.

### EMPLOYES ON WALL STREET GET BIG GIFTS THIS YEAR

Bank and Brokerage Houses  
Plan Gifts as Big as  
Six Months'  
Salary

BY LOWELL MELLETT

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The drippings from the overflowing vats of fat, rendered in Wall street from the munitions trade with warring Europe, will be distributed this week and next to employees as Christmas gifts that will break all past records.

The fat drippings of today would have made a feast for both employers and employees during the lean holidays of 1913, before the European war.

Of course all the record breaking profits do not come directly out of the sale of powder and shrapnel and hospital supplies, but it is the trading in war materials that is behind the great stimulation of the street.

The bankers and brokers have it to give this year, and they will never miss it. The only slight cloud on the horizon of the professional trader at this time of good will is the suggestion from Germany of peace. But this has been blown almost entirely away by the chill winds which greeted it in the entente capitals.

On a million share day in the stock exchange the profit to the brokers, in round numbers, is \$250,000. Actually the profits of brokers are much greater because the tabulated figures comprise only stocks handled in hundred share lots or more.

Brokers dealing directly on the New York Stock exchange received \$8,000,000 in commissions in the month of November off the trading in lots of a hundred or more, it is estimated. They had this much income if they didn't earn another penny. But there is no law against a broker buying or selling stocks for himself, which is one way big profits are made.

"We've been too busy handling other people's orders," one broker complained ruefully, "to do much for ourselves."

There is the case, however, of one young man who worked as a stenographer a year ago and is now said to have \$250,000 of his own stowed away in the bank, the money made out of a brokerage business set up on \$5,000 capital. His operations have all been on the curb market.

In the stock exchange with a \$75,000 seat paid for by the firm for whom he was a telephone reporter four years ago, is Robert C. Hancke.

Most Wall street stenographers, however, will go without seats on the exchange. They will have to be content with gifts of \$100 to \$500. The latter sum is the figure predicted for the smaller wage earners in the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Company, though formal announcement of the firm's plans has not been made. Other houses, like the Guaranty Trust company, which will distribute \$300,000 to one thousand employees; Charles H. Jones & Company, fifty per cent of all employees' salaries; the Metropolitan Trust company, ten per cent to all employees; De Coppel & Doremus, six months' salary; the Harriman National bank, ten to sixteen per cent.

For hundreds of clerks it will be the best Christmas they've ever had and at the same time the second anniversary of the bluest Christmas they ever hope to see. Two years ago there were no bonuses. A Wall street clerk who had a job and regular pay was considered a very lucky young man.

### FIVE AMERICANS IN CASUALTY LISTS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Canadian casualty lists contain the names of five residents of the United States. Those killed are:

Private W. McKnight, Yonkers, New York.

Private A. Marcotte, Lewiston, Maine.

Private Brown (Mounted Rifles), Roscommon, Mich.

Missing, believed killed:

Private J. Smollen (Mounted Rifles), Hempstead, L. I.

Missing, believed prisoner:

Private W. Apps, Rochester, New York.

### U-BOAT AT SEA 55 DAYS

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(By Wireless.)—A record achievement is chronicled of a German submarine which has returned to its base after fifty-five days at sea without entering harbor or receiving outside assistance of any form. The weather generally was bad.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Office of the City Treasurer, City Hall.

La Crosse Wis., December 1, 1916. Notice is hereby given that the Tax Roll for all the Taxes assessed and levied in the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin, for the year 1916, with a tax warrant annexed, is now in my hands for collection, and that the taxes charged therein are subject to payment at my office in the City Hall, in the said City of La Crosse, at any time prior to or on the 28th day of February, 1917.

P. S.—Persons paying taxes will please bring a correct description of the lots and lands they want to pay the taxes on to avoid mistakes.

Office Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 M. and from 1:30 to 5:00 p. m.

GEO. W. YOUNG,  
City Treasurer.

The average man never misses an opportunity to show off before a pretty woman.

## NEW STREET CAR ROUTING AND SERVICE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, '16

Greatly improved new equipment having been placed in operation on its local lines, making possible great extension and improvement of the service, the Wisconsin Railway, Light and Power company takes pleasure in announcing to the city of La Crosse that the new routing and through service, involving several important changes in the street car system, will be effective on Monday, December 18.

Special attention is directed to the fact that on the same date the NEAR SIDE STOP will be adopted. Beginning Monday, all street-cars will stop on the near side of every corner, instead of crossing the street to load and unload passengers on the far side, as heretofore. The public is requested to take particular notice of this change.

The company feels that the alterations which have been made in the system will operate greatly to improve the service. Attention of the public is respectfully directed to the new routing which is to be inaugurated, as follows:

North side and Sixteenth street cars from North side end will move as follows: Livingston, George, Sill, Caledonia, St. Cloud, Rose, Monitor, Mill, Third and Main up hill to Fourth and Main, thence along Main street to Sixteenth and Jackson to Fourteenth, to end of line at Farnam.

Returning along Fourteenth to Jackson, Sixteenth, Main to Fourth and Main, along Fourth street to Vine, to Third, Mill, Monitor, Rose, St. Cloud, Caledonia, Sill, Loomis, to transfer point with Onalaska line.

Schedules will be as follows:

NORTH SIDE TO SIXTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH AND FARNAM

Loomis and Livingston streets .....6:00 A. M.  
Fourth and Main streets .....5:50 A. M.

Thereafter every ten minutes until 11:00 p. m., then every twenty minutes from Loomis and Livingston streets until 12:20 a. m., which is last connecting car at Fourth and Main streets for all points.

Last cars from Fourth and Main streets at 12:20 a. m. will connect with transfer lines, Market and Oak Grove.

#### FOURTEENTH AND FARNAM TO NORTH SIDE

Fourth and Main streets .....5:50; 6:00; 6:10 A. M.  
Fourteenth and Farnam .....6:05 A. M.

Thereafter every ten minutes until 10:45 p. m., then every twenty minutes until 12:05 a. m., which is last connecting car at Fourth and Main streets for South side lines. Cars leaving Fourteenth and Farnam at 12:15 and 12:35 a. m. will pull in to car station.

#### SOUTH SIDE AND TWENTY-THIRD STREET

Routing of South side line will be the same as at present, except that the cars will run out Twenty-third street instead of transferring at Sixteenth and Main. Schedule will be as follows, from Mormon Coulee:

Mormon Coulee .....6:00 A. M.  
Fourth and Main streets .....5:45 A. M.

Thereafter every ten minutes until 10:50 p. m. from Mormon Coulee. After 10:50 the next car will be at 11:05 p. m., and a car will run every twenty minutes until 12:05 a. m. This is last connecting car at Fourth and Main streets for North side line. Cars leaving Mormon Coulee at 10:50, 12:15 and 12:35 pull into car station from Fourth and Main streets.

Cars at end of Twenty-third street line leave at 6:00 a. m., 6:10 and every ten minutes until 10:40 p. m.; then 11:05 p. m., and every twenty minutes until 12:05 a. m. Cars leaving end of Twenty-third street line at 10:50 p. m., 12:15 a. m. and 12:35 a. m. pull into car station from Fourth and Main streets.

#### MARKET STREET LINE

This routing remains the same, but there will be no direct connection at Sixteenth and Market with the North side and Sixteenth street lines, due to the spacing of cars on Main street, so as to make a five minute headway between Fourth and Main and Sixteenth and Main.

#### SCHEDULE SEVENTH AND MARKET

5:50 a. m. and every ten minutes until 10:50, then 11:05 and every ten minutes until 12:25 a. m., the last car out.

#### SIXTEENTH AND MARKET

5:55 a. m. and every ten minutes until 10:45 p. m., then 11:00 and every ten minutes until 12:30 a. m., which pulls into car station.

This ten minute service is necessary in order to connect with South line in both directions.

#### MYRICK PARK LINE

This line will be a stub line from Twelfth and Main streets to the city limits, with a ten minute service, as follows:

Cars leave Twelfth and Main streets for Twenty-fourth and Losey Boulevard at 5:55 a. m., and run thereafter every ten minutes until 12:25 a. m. Cars leave Twenty-fourth and Losey Boulevard at 6:05 a. m., and every ten minutes until 11:15 p. m.; thereafter every twenty minutes until 12:35 a. m., the last car.

The near side stop is a safety precaution and eliminates a great many collisions with automobiles and teams.

In order to clearly understand which corner to be on, the following is in explanation: "Place yourself on the corner from which the car is approaching." The only exception to this near side stop is cars South bound at Third and Main streets, where car will pull around on Third to load and unload passengers.

On Sunday mornings cars on North side—Fourteenth and Farnam, leave one hour and ten minutes later. All other lines leave one hour later on Sunday mornings.

The Wisconsin Railway, Light and Power Company trusts its patrons will aid in making this service successful.

In order to aid in the maintenance of the schedule we trust the traveling public will leave cars from front platform and move forward in car when entering.

On above date all cars will be equipped with fare boxes to lighten work of conductors and speed up service by keeping conductors on rear platform. Patrons will accommodate and assist in maintaining schedule and service by having ready exact change or tickets whenever possible.

### WRISTWATCHES

Our leader is a small size Bracelet Watch, specially priced at—

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